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From the President

Diversity, student success a hallmark on Nevada campus

Richard Tapia is a towering figure in higher education. As an internationally known researcher and leader in education and outreach, Dr. Tapia has impacted more lives than most of us could ever imagine. Born in Los Angeles to parents who separately emigrated from Mexico as teenagers, Dr. Tapia was the first person in his family to ever attend college.

Since then, as

a mathematician and professor at Rice University, Dr. Tapia has had a profound influence on not only how mathematics and engineering in this country are taught, but perhaps more importantly, who teaches these key disciplines. As the first Hispanic elected to the National Academy of Engineering, he has been a role model of the highest order. He has directed or co-directed more under-represented minority and women doctoral recipients than anyone in the United States. Dr. Tapia has said of his own heritage, which he has credited for much of his success, that, "It's our culture that teaches us to reach, and to help, and to include."

On Saturday, Dec. 4, Dr. Tapia shared his story of inclusion, opportunity and personal integrity as the keynote speaker during the University of Nevada, Reno's Winter Commencement.

Dr. Tapia's visit served as a reminder that diversity makes us all stronger. At the University, we have sought to emulate the example of pre-eminent individuals such as Dr. Tapia. We have actively sought the best and brightest high school students in the Silver State. We have recruited students whose compelling personal experiences have made them stronger people. We have encouraged students to come to Nevada to learn, to experience and to connect with others in ways that will stay with them forever.

The results of this effort have been exceedingly, extraordinarily positive.

In just the past few months, our campus has achieved the following:

In August, our campus welcomed its largest (more than 2,700 students) and most diverse first-year class ever;

The fall 2010 semester saw us reach a record number of National Merit Scholars on our campus. We now have 38 National Merit Scholars in our midst after adding 10 in the fall semester;

Over the past 10 years, the University has increased the number of bachelor degrees awarded from 1,350 to more than 2,300 awarded in spring 2010—a 66 percent increase.

Dr. Tapia once told a reporter that if there has been any theme to his life and career, it would be that, "while I was here, I made a difference."

It is our commitment to our students that once they graduate from our institution, they will be fully prepared to be "difference-makers" in the lives of those around them, and in the fabric of the communities they serve.

Sincerely,

Milton D. Glick

President

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President Milton Glick stands beside the University's growing population of National Merit Scholars during the Fall 2010 semester.

Photo by Jeff Dow

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Senior Scholar Samantha Baldock '10 (international business) and her mentor, Yvonne Stedham, catch up in the new E.L. Cord Student Success Center in the College of Business on the fourth floor of the Ansari Business Building. Sami graduated last May and took an internship with Matchworld, a South African company that specializes in sponsorship consulting, brand activation and public relations, for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. "I took the leap of faith and figured, 'It's the World Cup; this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity . . . I just have to go for it,'" she says, adding that "the combination of learning about a new culture and business environment, travelling the country and, of course, attending the World Cup," made the experience truly memorable. *Photography by Jeff Dow. Art direction by Patrick McFarland '97.*



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Senior Scholars take on the world

Senior Scholars forge successful careers following academic achievement guided by mentors

By Melanie Robbins '06M.A. Photos by Jeff Dow.

Senior Scholars, among the best and brightest students on campus, drew the attention of their college's Dean's Office, which bestowed the Nevada Alumni Association's top honor on them. It turns out that these high-achieving students have a habit of getting noticed and doing remarkable things after they graduate, too. We asked past Senior Scholars to tell us a little about what they are doing now, and the responses were truly gratifying: these students had taken their education and launched satisfying careers and/or further academic achievements. Whittling down the list to just one from each college was a difficult task, but here's a sampling of what some of our top students are up to:

Molly Duckett '02, '05M.S.

Speech Pathologist

Division of Health Sciences

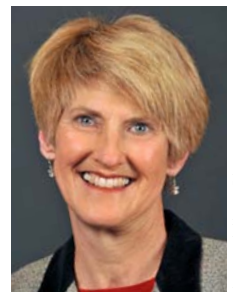
Mentor: Ann Tyler

In November 2009, Molly Duckett found that her professional training in speech pathology and audiology was invaluable in her personal life when her uncle suffered from multiple strokes that left him with severe dysphagia (difficulty swallowing safely) and dysarthria (slurred speech).

"He was devastated when he could not be understood by his own family and was told he would have to receive nutrition via a nasogastric tube," Duckett says.

Over the week of Thanksgiving, she and

her uncle "spent countless hours together, retraining his swallowing mechanism and perfecting his speech clarity," she remembers. "Today, he can eat whatever he wants, have an intelligible conversation, and loves talking about his 'own personal speech therapist!'" The experience left me with extreme gratitude to possess such an invaluable set of skills, which I attribute to my excellent education and experience at Nevada."



Ann Tyler

Photo provided by Ann Tyler

What is a Senior Scholar?

Since 1989, the Nevada Alumni Association's Senior Scholar Award has honored the top undergraduate, graduating student in each college at a special ceremony held spring and fall. The award, determined by each college's Dean's Office, goes to the student with not only the top academic credentials, but to the one who demonstrates excellence of character, leadership and commitment to scholarly ideals. These students, however, don't complete an arduous course of study alone; they have had support along the way from teachers, mentors, friends and family. Each Senior Scholar names the University mentor who played the most significant role in his or her scholastic achievement and that mentor is honored at the Senior Scholar award ceremony.

Molly Duckett '02, '05M.S. teaches client Isaac Clary, 7, how to follow complex verbal instructions through magnet play. BELOW: Samantha Baldock '10 (left) and fellow American interns Aaron Gordon and Sarah Cooperson at the USA vs. Slovenia match at Ellis Park in Johannesburg, South Africa, during the 2010 FIFA World Cup. (Editor's note: See Baldock and her mentor, Yvonne Stedham, on the cover.)

palate and hearing loss. The best part of her job: "Playing with children!" she says.

"I find my job to be fulfilling and rewarding," Duckett notes. "Each day I engage with fun-loving children, caring family members and a team of excellent clinicians. Because my clients come to therapy on a weekly basis, I get to see how their communication grows week to week. The children become empowered communicators, the parents see them fulfill their potential, and I am lucky enough to be part of the change."

Included in the team of excellent clinicians is fellow Senior Scholar and owner of Sierra Speech and Language Group, Shawna Ross '02, '04M.S., who also holds two degrees from Nevada in speech pathology and audiology. Ross was also the recipient of the 2002 Herz Gold Medal, the highest academic honor the University bestows.

Because the School of Medicine offers such a dynamic speech pathology and audiology program to both undergraduates and master's candidates, chances are that if you need the

services of a speech pathologist in the Reno area, your provider will be a Nevada grad.

The Reno community has a "very special network of University of Nevada, Reno professionals and graduates who work together to better the lives of adults and children," Duckett says, adding that she is happy to now be able to mentor Nevada students herself.

Duckett chose Ann Tyler, now a professor and the chair of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at Western Michigan University, as her Senior Scholar mentor.

"Dr. Tyler made a lasting impact by challenging me to do my best everyday and introducing me to new experiences," Duckett says. Tyler helped her find a research project and showed concern about her life, Duckett remembers:

"My fondest memory of Dr. Tyler occurred on an ordinary school day. She handed back the tests we had just taken at the end of class. I got a C (as a straight-A student, even I was perplexed). As the students shuffled out, she quietly pulled me aside, and asked what was going on (I hadn't been feeling well). At that moment, I realized I was more than a body in a desk, and that Dr. Tyler knew my potential and recognized when I was off my game."

Tyler remembers Duckett as an undergraduate who "stood out because she was very quick to grasp difficult material, and she also asked the hard questions, meaning she could see the shades of gray in theories or approaches. Students who ask those kinds of questions make us better teachers because we

While a student, Duckett distinguished herself with not only the 2002 Senior Scholar Award in the Division of Health Sciences for her outstanding undergraduate work as a speech pathology and audiology major in the School of Medicine, but also with her 2005 Division of Health Sciences honor as Outstanding Graduate Student when she graduated with a master's in speech pathology and audiology.

Duckett currently works as a speech-language pathologist at Sierra Speech and Language Group in Reno, where she evaluates and treats children with speech and language disorders, including those that are secondary to Autism Spectrum Disorders, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, genetic syndromes, cleft lip and



Photo provided by Sami Baldock

have to translate the information in new ways.”

Duckett says the personal growth was mutual: “Dr. Tyler never led me down ‘the’ path to success, but gave me the tools and real-life advice I needed to create my own.”

Samantha Baldock '10

Research Analyst

College of Business

Mentor: Yvonne Stedham

Samantha Baldock jumped on a plane headed to South Africa the summer after she graduated last May to take an internship with the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

“I took the leap of faith and figured, ‘It’s the World Cup; this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity ... I just have to go for it,’” she says. As an international business major, she made the right move. “South Africa was unforgettable,” she says, adding that “the combination of learning about a new culture and business environment, travelling the country and, of course, attending the World Cup,” made the experience truly memorable.

Along with other interns from across the United States, she worked for Matchworld, a South African company that specializes in sponsorship consulting, brand activation and public relations. Stationed in Johannesburg, she worked primarily for Gold Fields, one of the world’s largest gold producers. Her job included providing hospitality to guests of Gold Fields—ambassadors, investors, executives and mid-level workers—by chaperoning them on leisure activities and at the matches.

Upon return to Reno, Samantha landed a research analyst job with Synergy Research Group, a market research firm that specializes in quarterly market share analysis and forecasting services. Clients include telecom, mobile and networking industry leaders, including giants such as Cisco and Avaya.

“I enjoy this job because it combines my interests in international business and



Photo provided by Pamela Everett

Pamela Everett '92 switched careers last year, from an attorney to an assistant professor.

economics with the world of technology,” she says. “I find my work to be engaging and enjoy doing a variety of projects on a daily basis.”

Baldock’s mentor, Foundation Professor Yvonne Stedham, a managerial sciences professor who specializes in international business, says Baldock was a terrific student and their mentor-mentee relationship was more like a “partnership than a top-down relationship.”

“Sami is very independent in her thinking and motivated to take initiative and action,” Stedham notes. “My job was to keep her on track and provide guidance so that she could achieve her goals effectively and efficiently.”

Baldock chose Stedham as her Honors Program thesis adviser, and has warm memories of her achievement under Stedham’s guidance, despite typical student procrastination and indecisiveness: “Over the several semesters that I was deciding on/working on my thesis, I changed the topic countless times, yet Dr. Stedham stood by me and offered any help that she could. She diligently worked to help improve my thesis by challenging me to think outside the box, while still narrowing my focus. I honestly could not have asked for a better mentor.”

Before attending Nevada, Baldock thought that she would not be challenged unless she attended an Ivy League school. She was set on attending an out-of-state school. But due to circumstances she could not control, ended up at Nevada.

“Now, I would not change this decision for the world,” she says, noting that she was very

pleasantly surprised by the academic rigor and the quality of the instruction she received as an undergraduate: “Nevada professors were so engaging and dynamic that it made me want to exceed even my expectations of myself.”

Pamela Everett '92

Assistant Professor/Attorney/Writer

College of Liberal Arts

Mentor: Ken Peak

Pamela Everett practiced law for 15 years and enjoyed the work, but when her former Nevada professors asked her to try teaching as an adjunct, she discovered that she loved teaching even more, so she switched careers.

As an assistant professor of criminal justice at Wayne State College in Nebraska, Everett has multiple responsibilities, including teaching four classes each semester, doing scholarly research for publication, serving on committees, advising criminal justice undergraduates, co-advising the pre-law program and serving as faculty adviser for the criminal justice honor society.

“I love the work primarily because teaching is, in the right hands, a very creative endeavor,” Everett says. “I enjoy interacting with students and debating issues with them whether we’re talking about criminal law, constitutional issues or how the legal system deals with mentally ill defendants. Every day I have the opportunity to make a student’s life better through education, advising and sometimes just being a good friend and mentor, just as my Nevada professors were to me.”

Inspired by her Senior Scholar mentor Ken Peak, professor of criminal justice, she left her law practice in California last year to move to Nebraska to teach. She still keeps a hand in law doing legal research and writing, and also follows her passion for writing by freelancing columns for the *Omaha World-Herald* and the *Wayne State College* newspaper, the *Wayne Stater*, as well as other publications.

“My experience at Nevada changed my life,” she says. “I remember one day



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Ken Peak



Jenny MacKay '00 and her Senior Scholar mentor, Michael Branch, professor of English, flip through some of MacKay's many published books in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

in particular, in a philosophy class in the old Frandsen Humanities building. The ivy had turned its incredible colors and the snow was just starting to fall, while we were tucked away in a historic classroom debating Nietzsche. I was so grateful to be there and I knew that my life had forever changed because the Nevada experience was opening doors—in my mind and in the world—I never even knew existed.

"I never would have made it to law school or to my place now in higher education without the University of Nevada, Reno."

Peak's mentoring "had a major effect on my academic success at Nevada and beyond in law school," she notes. "He was everything a professor should be—an incredible teacher, an adviser and a friend. He was the consummate supporter, always praising achievements but urging me to keep reaching, to keep aiming higher."

For his part, Peak considers Everett the top student he's ever had: "Pam Everett was unquestionably the most talented student

with whom I have been associated in my 28 years at Nevada. Pam is truly a unique and gifted woman, one who brought a very special package of skills to our campus. She has now been 'infected' with the love of teaching, to her students' great benefit."

Everett earned her *juris doctorate* from the University of San Diego in California in 1995. She lives, teaches and writes in Wayne, Neb.

Jenny MacKay '00
Nonfiction Youth Author /e-Structor
College of Education
Mentor: Michael Branch

Jenny MacKay did something unusual with her degree from the College of Education: She combined a love and talent for writing with an equal passion for teaching. While she's never been a classroom teacher per se, her words reach many students: She currently has 10 youth educational series nonfiction books in print—including her most recent book, *Gangs*,

published last November—and two more in press. About half of MacKay's books are about crime scene investigation, a topic she tackled at the request of her publisher, Lucent Books.

She is also a part-time e-structor for Smarthinking.com, an international tutoring service for high school and college students. Both jobs are not only gratifying, but keep her constantly learning:

"I do tons of research for every book I write, and I've learned incredible things," she says. "I once had to write a book about robots in just five weeks. I've never so much as taken a basic physics class, so that was a challenge. But I can now explain the workings of pneumatic devices to a middle-grade audience. It's fascinating stuff!"

As an e-structor, she reads an array of papers and stories and gives personalized tips to help students improve their writing:

"I've worked with students from as far away as Australia, as well as some right here in Washoe County. It is very rewarding to be able



Photo provided by Matthew Churchfield

Matthew Churchfield '02 stands by a large wind turbine. He studies the machines' aerodynamics.

subject familiar, clear and interesting. We may live in the information age, but we desperately need the talents of writers like Jenny, who understand that information without story is often ineffective in educating kids or promoting positive social change.”

MacKay is equally admiring of Branch’s ability to communicate and convey helpful information to students.

“Michael Branch was a true inspiration to me,” she says. “I remember sitting quietly at the back of his classroom, probably making an impression as small as his was huge on all the students who were lucky enough to take a class from him. He was a gifted scholar and teacher, and he spent what must have been countless hours writing detailed critiques of every paper that every student handed in.

“He always gave enough praise to boost confidence, but he gave meaningful suggestions for improvement, too. He made you want to write the next essay instead of dreading it, and to reach for that something extra. I owe a great deal to Mike Branch, and I’m sure many others could say the same.”

Jenny lives in Sparks with her husband, Andy '99 (marketing).

Matthew Churchfield '02

Postdoctoral Researcher—Wind Energy

College of Engineering
Mentor: Brad Snyder

Matthew Churchfield is using his education to change the future: specifically, the future of energy. As a postdoctoral researcher at the National Wind Technology Center of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, he is developing a wind farm aerodynamics simulation tool.

“I work with a group of competent people on a socially relevant problem, that of our energy future,” he says. Harnessing the energy of the wind for human use as efficiently as possible for ultimate commercialization is one of the U.S. Department of Energy’s goals within the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

The problem with modern utility-class wind turbines is that they “are large and getting larger,” Churchfield says. “A football field could fit within the rotor disk of many of these turbines.”

The huge machines interact

aerodynamically with the incoming wind and create turbulent wakes that in turn interact with other turbines downwind in ways that are complex and not fully understood.

“These

aerodynamic effects directly influence the amount of power produced by a wind farm and create flow-induced mechanical loading that fatigues and causes failure of wind turbine parts,” Churchfield explains. By studying the aerodynamics of wind turbines, he hopes to learn how to make them operate more reliably, maximize power output and lower maintenance costs.

After graduating from Nevada with a mechanical engineering degree, Churchfield earned his master’s and doctoral degrees in aeronautics and astronautics at Purdue. He credits his Nevada experience with his later successes: “When I was a student at Nevada, teaching undergraduates was clearly a top priority, something which I highly value. That commitment by the professors to teaching well and being available played a large role in providing me with the solid engineering foundation that allowed me to thrive in graduate school and in my job.”

Churchfield chose Brad Snyder, now an emeritus associate professor of mechanical engineering, as his Senior Scholar mentor:

“Dr. Snyder is definitely a well-rounded person with many interests extending beyond engineering. Devoting time to family, friends, and interests outside of engineering is important in fostering creativity and overall happiness, and that creativity and happiness in turn benefits the engineering research I do in my job.”

Churchfield also remembers Snyder as a dedicated and engaging professor: “I can clearly picture him, on the first day of a fluid mechanics course, grinding chalk into a container of water, which he then stirred and used to illustrate an important point about the way fluid moves. Dr. Snyder always took the time to come up with ways to clearly

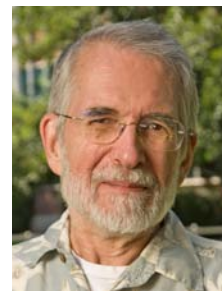


Photo by Theresa Danna-Bouglas

Brad Snyder

to help such a wide variety of students as they improve their writing skills.”

Choosing Nevada for her undergraduate studies was easy.

“I’m a third-generation Nevadan,” MacKay says, “Staying in my home state for college took very little persuasion.” But Nevada offers “so many terrific programs” that the choice was wise, in any case. “I was able to major in English and education with a teaching minor in biology. I depend on all three areas of concentration for every book I write.”

In the College of Education, she learned how to determine “what students are interested in and can understand at different grade levels and also what they need to be learning based on national standards,” she notes.

Michael Branch, MacKay’s Senior Scholar mentor and professor of English, says MacKay is a “wonderfully clear and engaging writer,” whose books showcase “a whole constellation of impressive skills and talents.

“What I find most fascinating and important about Jenny’s books is the way they interpret scientific and cultural issues for the benefit of a general audience of young readers,” Branch adds. “Her books on forensic biology and forensic art make difficult scientific concepts accessible and engaging, for example, while her book on phobias makes a potentially traumatic



Photo provided by Daphne Monson

Joseph '05 and Daphne Monson '07, '08 met at Nevada and shared academic achievement: both were Senior Scholars.

communicate what he was teaching and capture the attention of his audience, no matter how hard the subject.”

Snyder considers Churchfield one of the top undergraduates he encountered at Nevada:

“Matt is surely one of the best undergraduate students I’ve met at the University, and two things make him especially memorable: First, his unique ability to organize: This thoroughness is characteristic of everything he does—he set up a lab demo for me to illustrate the onset of starting and stopping vortices on an airfoil. Every aspect of this project was his own devising, which he undertook, on his own volition, simply because he wanted to see it happen. He ordered the materials, designed the test chamber, and built a tracking mechanism—all in less than a month in the midst of his busy 20-credit semester.

“And second, is his life’s dream of understanding the physics and engineering of flight. His pilot’s license, his engineering degrees, and now his tenure among a cadre of those passionately dedicated research engineers

who strengthen our national or industrial labs—because in flight that’s where the action is.”

He lives in Louisville, Colo., with wife, Jill, and children, Emmett, 2, and Glory, 8 months.



Rena Hanks '79M.S.

Joseph Monson '05

Agricultural Economist

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources

Mentor: Rena Hanks '79M.S.

Daphne (Bateman) Monson '07, '08

Registered Nurse

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology & Natural Resources

Mentor: Gary Blomquist

Division of Health Sciences

Mentor: Elissa Dewolf

Academic achievement runs in Senior Scholars Joe and Daphne Monson’s families: Joe’s cousin Katie Tramonte '04 (elementary education) was the Senior Scholar for the College of Education, and one of Daphne’s triplet siblings, Devon Bateman '07 (biochemistry), was a co-Senior Scholar in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, along with Daphne.

Daphne, however, outdid herself by becoming a Senior Scholar twice: once for her 2007 bachelor’s in biochemistry and once for her second bachelor’s in nursing the following year.

Daphne and Joe met while attending Nevada and wed in August 2009.

Growing up in Spanish Springs Valley, Joe spent summers working for his father’s custom farming business.

“It was here that I first developed a passion for agriculture,” he says. After a “top notch” education at Nevada, he earned a master’s in agricultural and applied economics at Virginia Tech. Joe now works for the California Department of Food and Agriculture as an agricultural economist in the marketing division, which oversees 56



Gary Blomquist

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Elissa Dewolf

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Ronald Reitz



Indira Chatterjee

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Mentors feel honored

Being named a Senior Scholar mentor is one of the greatest honors faculty can receive. The Senior Scholars choose their mentors after the fact, so to speak. Each is named the top scholar in his or her college as they are about to graduate; then they choose the person who had the most influence on them during their college years.

“It’s an incredible feeling to be chosen by someone at that level, after they’ve been in school for four years,” says Ronald Reitz, professor of biochemistry emeritus, and a mentor to four Senior Scholars (David Hair '98, Michael Papez '01, Kristin (Hicks) Papez '01 and Rajeev Wadia '02, '06M.D.). Reitz adds that he was not the senior thesis adviser to any of his Senior Scholar mentees.

“I must have said something to them somewhere along the way that made sense,” he jokes. In actuality, he remembers having a lot of interaction with all of his mentees over the years.

“They would come back to my office and sit and visit.”

Indira Chatterjee, a three-time Senior Scholar mentor (Charles Randall '01, Matthew Koepnick '01 and Adam Blitstein '05) as well as professor and associate dean of the College of Engineering, had a similar experience:

“All three of them would often come talk to me, and we got to know each other. I talked to them about electrical engineering and their career plans. We had a good rapport.”

She helped her mentees find research and internship opportunities. “They were all good students and personable—all the qualities that would make a good employee.”

Chatterjee thinks it’s wise for students to seek out a mentor. “Students who find a mentor tend to do better. Absolutely. When you find out that students are interested in the subject, you tend to bring opportunities to their attention. I may even call an industry representative.”

—Melanie Robbins '06M.A.



Photo provided by Sara Vienna

Sara Vienna '03 is the proud owner of her own design studio, Sara Studio, in the Washington, D.C. area, where she works with clients from across the country.

marketing programs in the state. Campaigns include the well-known-even-in-Nevada, “California Happy Cows” and “Dancing Raisin.”

Joe enjoys his work, he says, noting that California’s agricultural sector is large, producing almost half of U.S.-grown fruits, nuts and vegetables and generating more than \$36 billion in cash receipts annually. California also produces more than 400 different commodities. The challenges each industry faces are unique, he notes, “whether it is combating a pest or disease, developing food safety practices, or creating demand for the commodity itself.” As a result, Joe’s job is never mundane or repetitive. He’s thankful for the “faithful guidance” he received while at Nevada from family and mentors, without which, he says, “I would not be where I am today.”

At Nevada, Joe chose Rena Hanks, advising coordinator emerita, as his Senior Scholar mentor: “Rena Hanks worked diligently with me all four years I attended the University. She always held high expectations of me and constantly challenged me to reach my full potential.”

Hanks says she “is not surprised” that Joe has done so well: “He was an excellent student and a student leader with the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Ambassador Program. These elite students traveled to high schools giving presentations on careers in the college, as well as serving as hosts at alumni and college advisory board events.”

Daphne now works as a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital of Folsom in its 42-bed medical-surgical telemetry unit. She discovered she has both passion and aptitude for teaching, and, noticed by management, has been given a number of nurse educator roles. She leads a class for orthopedic patients who are about to undergo surgery, as well as serves as the chief preceptor for new-hire nurses, guiding them to successful integration into the health care team. In addition, she teaches student nurses from the Sacramento area when they do clinical rotations in her unit.

Daphne loves her job: “I find my work to be stimulating and gratifying in that I truly make a difference in others’ lives every day.”

She credits her education at Nevada, as well as the influence of her mentors and parents, with giving her the foundation to build a successful career: “My mentors and parents always made sure that I knew in my heart that I was capable of great things and was and would continue to be a leader. Diligence, hard work and a commitment to continual learning—traits honed in my collegiate studies during my tenure at the University—serve me well as a registered nurse in a fast-paced, acute care hospital setting.”

Her Senior Scholar mentor for her biochemistry degree, Gary Blomquist, professor and chair of biochemistry and molecular biology, remembers Daphne as “an exceptionally good student who was a pleasure to work with. She has a delightful personality and seems to do everything really well without

effort. Students like Daphne make my job fun and rewarding. She’s the best.”

The Monsons live in Folsom, Calif.

Sara (Huston) Vienna '03

Design Director

Reynolds School of Journalism

Mentor: Bourne Morris

Sara Vienna has the kind of job designers dream about: She owns her own business, has clients from Los Angeles to New York and occasionally travels to Canada, Europe and Asia for meetings, vendor approvals and press checks.

She works with luxury brands, jewelry companies, fashion houses, cosmetics companies, art museums, Web start-ups, large Web retail stores, nonprofits and think tanks.

“For 10 years, I’ve designed brands, packaging, products, magazines, books, Web/user experiences, music promotion and packaging, and events,” she says. “My favorite projects usually involve designing packaging, magazines—print or online—and books. My biggest reward is seeing someone interact with a product or user experience I designed.”

She’s also been rewarded with actual awards: *CMYK Magazine*, Winner “No Briefs” Competition; ADDY Award, Art Direction; and the American Advertising Association’s Person of the Year Award, as part of the University’s winning creative team for the National Student Advertising Competition.

Vienna found her path to design work while studying in the Reynolds School of Journalism. She took advertising classes and was able to tour a few San Francisco ad agencies—where she hoped to launch her career. She decided to pursue art direction in advertising, which eventually showed her that what she really wanted to be was a designer.

Vienna thanks her Senior Scholar mentor, Bourne Morris, now emerita professor of journalism, for not only being a mentor, but being a role model, as well:

“Bourne Morris was a huge influence on my success as an undergraduate. I loved that she was a



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Bourne Morris

tough, smart, creative female in the ‘boys club’ that was advertising. She worked in the days of *Mad Men* (the AMC television series about men and women working on Madison Avenue in the 1960s) and was incredibly successful. I truly admire that.”

In addition, Morris inspired Vienna to do her very best. In 2003, Vienna was on the integrated marketing team that won first place in the National Student Advertising Competition. Sponsored by the American Advertising Federation, the annual contest is considered the “World Series of Advertising.”

“Bourne was so proud of all of us. I loved making her and our other professor, Bob Felten, proud,” she says.

Morris remembers Vienna as a dedicated student who was bound to succeed: “Sara was absolutely dedicated to mastering design skills. So none of us was surprised at her success after she left the University. She is generous and thoughtful and lights up the room whenever she shows up. She is one of those special people we all remember.”

After graduation, Sara interned at an ad agency in Hamburg, Germany. She then lived in San Francisco for six years. Two years ago, she moved to Washington, D.C., with her husband, Ryan. They are expecting their first child in May. To see Sara’s work, please visit: www.saravienna.com.

Timothy Janiga ’97, ’01M.D. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon

College of Science

Mentor: Mary Paszek ’89, ’93M.S.

Dr. Timothy Janiga’s workday might find him repairing a child’s cleft lip and palate, sewing fingers back on a man who lost them in an accident, or reconstructing a woman’s breasts following a mastectomy.

“Often plastic surgery is automatically assumed to only be cosmetic surgery, when in reality it is an extremely large and diverse field,” Janiga, a board-certified plastic surgeon, says. “My job is definitely enjoyable,” he adds, noting that in addition to mundane operations such as surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome, or those typically associated with a plastic surgeon: nasal surgery for aesthetic purposes, postbariatric body contouring or other cosmetic surgery, he also performs head and



Photo provided by Timothy Janiga

Timothy Janiga ’97, ’01M.D. and his wife, Jennifer ’01M.D. have a joint plastic surgery/dermatology practice in Reno, the only one in town that combines those specialties.

neck surgery for traumatic injuries, skin cancer resection, acute and chronic burn care, wound care and flap surgery for pressure ulcers, pediatric surgery for congenital anomalies such as fused fingers, and microsurgery for repair or reconstruction of other defects.

After earning two degrees at Nevada: his undergraduate biology degree and his medical degree, Janiga completed an internship and residency at Michigan State University, Ann Arbor. He then worked as an assistant professor of surgery for two years at the University of Toledo, and then returned to live in Reno with his wife, Jennifer ’01M.D., a board-certified dermatologist and also an alumna of the School of Medicine. The couple met in medical school and now practice as a husband/wife team:

Janiga MDs Plastic Surgery and Dermatology.

“We are the only practice in northern Nevada that combines plastic surgery and dermatology together under one roof,” Janiga says. “The synergy between the two practices is a natural fit and ultimately offers the best patient care possible.”

His years spent studying at Nevada have impacted Janiga’s life in many ways: “I was able to get a tremendous education at an affordable price in an amazing location. As an

undergraduate, I felt that the University was small enough to still have a personal touch but large enough to offer a world-class education.”

He chose Mary Paszek ’89, ’93M.S., who worked in the Honors Program, as his Senior Scholar mentor. “She was always someone who I could bounce ideas off of and get honest advice from. Mary has always been a down-to-earth person, who is fun to be around”

Paszek was inspiring to him because she managed to juggle family and work, yet maintain a positive attitude, he says.

“My fondest memory of Mary was when she would invite my brother, Mark, and me over to her house for dinner. We would hang out with her children and her and have a great time.”

Dr. Mark Janiga graduated from the School of Medicine in 2000.

Paszek says she felt “honored to have been able to work with Tim. He is one of those rare individuals who has a balance of intelligence, dedication and not taking himself too seriously. While being extremely committed to his education, he always took time for his family and to have at least a little fun once in awhile.”

In addition, Paszek notes: “Tim has a high moral standard, which is coupled with his compassion for people. I would trust him treating my son—Oh, wait. I did!”

Drs. Timothy and Jennifer Janiga have two children, 3 and 6. [N](#)



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Mary Paszek ’89, ’93M.S.

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TOP ROW: Benjamin King standing in for Glenn Miller, Jeffrey Cullen, Stephen Vanderwall, Nancy LaTourette, Pedro M. Gomez, Vernon Luft, Michael Escobar and Cathy Butler. BOTTOM ROW: Wendy Firestone, Todd Felts, Tiana Pirtle, Kathryn Browne, Olga Cirlugea, Sophia Raphael Cardinal and Stephanie Contreras. (Not pictured: Cynthia Birk.)

The University of Nevada and its Alumni Association recognized eight outstanding graduates with one of the most prestigious awards at the University, the Senior Scholar distinction, on Nov. 30. The top graduating student and his or her faculty mentor from each school and college were honored at an awards ceremony at the Joe Crowley Student Union.

*College of Agriculture, Biotechnology
and Natural Resources*

Tiana Pirtle

Mentor: Stephen Vanderwall
GPA 3.9

College of Business
Sophia Raphael Cardinal
Mentor: Cynthia Birk
Herz Gold Medalist
GPA 4.0

College of Education

Michael Escobar

Mentor: Vernon Luft
GPA 4.0

College of Engineering

Kathryn Browne

Mentor: Nancy LaTourette
GPA 3.9909

Division of Health Sciences

Stephanie Contreras

Mentor: Cathy Butler
GPA 3.893

College of Liberal Arts

Olga Cirlugea

Mentor: Pedro M. Gomez
GPA 4.0

Reynolds School of Journalism

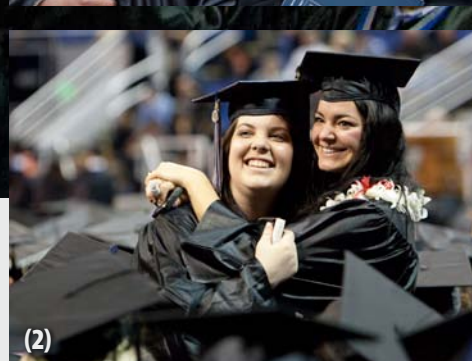
Wendy Firestone

Mentor: Todd Felts
GPA 3.981

College of Science

Jeffrey Cullen

Mentor: Glenn Miller
GPA 4.0



Winter Commencement

A total of 1,096 bachelor's degree candidates and 453 advanced degree certificates (master's and doctoral degrees and the education specialist certificate) were awarded Saturday, Dec. 4 at Lawlor Events Center, making this the largest number of winter graduates since the University first featured a Winter Commencement ceremony in 1992. The University awarded 1,467 degrees at the December 2009 ceremony.

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(1) Karen Tsimanga, her brother, Dorel, and her father, Charles Tsimanga-Kashama, associate professor of history.

(2) Tiffany Menino and Turah Boswer.

(3) Dorothy Gallagher '47, retiring regent, speaks at Commencement.

(4) Nicole Proctor (liberal arts), Zack Channcy-LA (criminal justice), Joey Tirabassi-LA (theatre).

(5) The Honorable Procter R. Hug Jr. '53 received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

(6) Kelsey Reeves, Kristen Buchanan, Kristen Finney, Anna Giardikiotis and Renae McCabe; College of Education.

Herz Gold Medalist

Accounting major and Senior Scholar Sophia Raphael Cardinal was named the University of Nevada, Reno's 2010 Herz Gold Medalist at the Dec. 4 Winter Commencement ceremony in Lawlor Events Center. The medal is presented at each Commencement ceremony to the graduating senior with the highest GPA. The Herz Gold Medal was established in 1910 by brothers Richard, Carl and Otto Herz when the University was only 36 years old. It is the University's oldest and most prestigious award.

(7) Sophia Raphael Cardinal and her father, Joe.

Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas / David Calvert



Test scores not the only measure of medical student success

Numeric data, as measured in MCAT scores and GPAs, are certainly an indicator of a potential medical student's ability for success, but it is the intangible factors that weigh equally when considering potential candidates for admission to the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

"Those with the highest MCAT scores and GPAs aren't always accepted because other things are needed to be a good physician," said Ann Diggins, School of Medicine director of recruitment and student services.

According to Diggins, those other "non-cognitive" traits are dedication and drive to be a physician, desire to want to help sick people, ability to communicate in difficult situations and be able to think on one's feet and solve problems even in pressing circumstances. In addition, a student should have a sense of leadership, yet maintain the ability to work within a team.

A tall order? Perhaps. Yet the School of Medicine is rife with examples of successful students in each class. Sadeea Qureshi '04 (chemistry professional) and current student Chris McDonnell, have found success despite having chosen nontraditional paths to earning their medical degrees.

Anne McMillin, APR, is the public relations manager for the School of Medicine.

Qureshi, a native of Hawthorne, Nev., matriculated with the Class of 2008, but decided to pursue a doctorate degree alongside her medical degree. She

will graduate this spring after seven years of medical school. Diggins said there are several intangible characteristics that make Qureshi successful: "She has humbleness and has held on to that. She is very enthusiastic about her research. It is rare the student who comes along, loves research and is clinically sound."

Qureshi worked in the lab of Brian Perrino,

associate professor of physiology and cell biology, for three years using animal models to investigate the mechanism of motility disorders of the colon in inflammatory bowel disease.

Perrino said Qureshi was a successful researcher on several levels: "She made novel observations that other labs are now using. We have continued her work to expand the field after she left." He added that Qureshi made scientific presentations at national meetings and received positive feedback.

Perrino also attributes Qureshi's discipline, determination and her commitment to put in the necessary time to complete the work for her success in his lab, as well as her enthusiasm.

Qureshi said, "I want to learn and am motivated and enjoy learning." In addition, she credits her success to strong family support: "My parents and my husband have also been the focal point of my success."

She also notes that support received from faculty and professors over the years in the academic, research and clinical settings contributed greatly to her achievements. Qureshi stresses the importance of finding a work/life balance and not losing one's self in the process of becoming a physician.

She achieves this balance by becoming involved in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, volunteering at the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, working with the Student Outreach Clinics, putting in time with the outreach branch of the American Geriatric Society for Students and serving as founder of the Medical Research Student Interest Group. She enjoys running and visiting Lake Tahoe for relaxing and snowboarding when she is not in labs or clinics.

McDonnell, Class of 2012, came to medical school in his early 40s with a lifetime of experience and credentials that have helped him succeed as a medical student. After earning a master's degree in business administration,



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working at University Medical Center in Las Vegas in contracts administration, traveling the world for several years and then working as a medical assistant at the HAWC Clinic in Reno, he turned to medical school to follow his passion.

"I always had it in the back of my head, but didn't want to work that hard," he said of the maturation process needed to dedicate himself to the medical profession. In fact, during his travels he met several physicians who helped shape and further define his desire to pursue medicine.

McDonnell also credits family, especially his wife, Jennifer, as well as his classmates for his success at medical school.

"Jen has had to put up with my pulling all-nighters, living in different cities for the first year, and dealing with the financial impact."

Camaraderie at school has been a huge help, he adds: "If it wasn't for my classmates sharing lecture notes, I would have never survived." On the advice of a friend, he created a strict study schedule and sticks with it even though it means getting up at 4 a.m.

He said figuring out how he learns best and making adjustments, as well as putting in a lot of hard work have been his tickets to success. He helped organize a group of classmates to take turns recording lectures and uploading



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LEFT: Sadeea Qureshi '04, who is earning a Ph.D. and an M.D., says a yearning for knowledge and the ability to maintain a work/life balance have made her successful through seven years of medical school. ABOVE: A nontraditional student who came to medicine after pursuing other careers, Chris McDonnell credits his classmates and family, as well as finding his own way of studying, for his success through his first three years of medical school.

them to a class website.

"This allowed me to listen to lectures at my own pace. I started to study from question banks and used textbooks only as references," he said.

Like the admissions committee, McDonnell sees altruism as the driving force needed to be successful as a physician. It helps to enjoy helping people.

McDonnell continues to demonstrate the

characteristics that impressed the admissions committee with his service on the Student Advisory Committee, a peer-selected group of students who provide support for students experiencing academic or personal challenges. Peggy Dupey, School of Medicine associate dean for admissions and student affairs, said, "Chris is an exemplary member of the committee due to his easygoing nature, his integrity in maintaining confidentiality and his exceptional

compassion toward others."

McDonnell sees his future in service to those with medical needs. "I'd like to open a clinic in Central America," he said, adding, "... or somewhere with a need that matches with somewhere I want to go. I'd like to find others of like-mind and maybe start up a network of health care volunteers." [N](#)

Successful medical school applicants must demonstrate communications skills, altruism and empathy

The School of Medicine admissions committee waded through more than 1,400 applications this year, carefully weighing the many tangible and intangible factors that go into choosing each new cohort of Nevada medical students. Some 330 were chosen for further review.

It takes up to a year for the committee to screen applicants for each matriculating class of 62 new students. The 21-member committee looks at a potential students' entire life experience, including leadership in clubs or organizations, time already spent in the health care setting, evidence of altruism and empathy, how well candidates communicate in face-to-face interviews, their personal statement and letters of recommendation from professors and physicians, in addition to numeric data from test scores, grades in undergraduate prerequisites and GPAs.

Beverly Neyland, a professor of pediatrics who sits on the admissions committee, elaborates: "Potential students must show an interest in volunteering, their interest in medicine must be real and they have to

understand the long-term experience of what they are getting into," she said. "The MCAT scores are an indication of how a student will do in the first two years, but not how they will fare in the clinical years."

Neyland describes the successful medical student as someone who has a curiosity about people, a broad range of experience in different aspects of life, a willingness to learn from everyone they come in contact with, empathy and the ability to get along with people from different backgrounds.

In addition, the committee looks at the class as a whole.

Ann Diggins, School of Medicine director of recruitment and student services, noted: "It is not about the numbers, but more about shaping the class. We are looking for the traits needed to be a good physician, as well as the diversity—in age and background—to reflect the face of physicians we need in Nevada."

—Anne McMillin, APR

Mark Knobel

Mark Knobel '77 (social services corrections)

I graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1977 with a degree in social services corrections. The program, which no longer exists at Nevada, focused on social services and governmental welfare programs, including corrections and prisons. My family owned Ross Burke and Knobel Mortuary, but, upon graduation, I was not interested in getting involved in the mortuary business. My mother suggested I pursue estate law and I found that field would allow me to help people while being able to practice professionally in the Reno community.

My community ties and those made with people at Nevada helped propel me into the law profession. I am not sure I would have attended law school without the influences of professors, friends and professionals I met at or through this University. In fact, my business law class at Nevada was a pinnacle in turning me to go to law school. I met professionals, mainly attorneys, who were either my professors or who offered internships. Those same people presented opportunities for me to return to Reno to practice law, and I still see them today.

Through my profession I have become involved as a trustee for various foundations and charitable trusts within the community. These opportunities put me in a position where I can help provide grants to local charities, including the University of Nevada, Reno, and this has been very fulfilling work for me. I commend the local charities and the University for how they use these funds to better our community and, especially, this wonderful institution. When I attended more than 30

years ago, I never dreamed that Nevada would become the type of school it is today.

I am amazed by the campus growth and technological advancements that, to me, put Nevada ahead of many other schools. The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is a fantastic place to learn and for students to take advantage of state-of-the-art technology. I especially appreciate seeing the tremendous advancements in video and digital resources on our campus. Every student I've talked with has a special place at the Knowledge Center where they get cozy to study—they've found a home there.

What I've learned is that hard work allows you to get to where you want to go and that education is one of the greatest opportunities we have in this country. I would advise students to be very involved with their community and school. Take advantage of every educational opportunity because education is an asset that can never be taken away once achieved. Work hard, put in your time and have some fun. If you have a passion or dream, follow through with it. If you are interested in a law career, learn to be a good writer—solid writing skills are the foundation for law school. Also, you must have an open mind to be able to resolve problems and analyze issues.

To me, education is a key to success in life and I keep emphasizing that to my sons, John, a freshman at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Clark, a freshman at Reno High School. My parents did not have college degrees, and I do not want to discount entrepreneurial spirits like them who do well

in this country. However, education helps get your foot in the door and there is no doubt you can go a long way with it.

From a conversation in November with Crystal Parrish, director of foundation operations. Knobel, the 2011 University of Nevada, Reno Foundation board chair, graduated from Nevada in 1977 with a degree in social services corrections. He received his law degree from McGeorge School of Law in 1982, and his master's in tax law from the University of Miami in 1988. He is a partner in the Reno law firm Avansino, Melarkey, Knobel, Mulligan & McKenzie, where he specializes in estate planning, business and corporate law, federal and tax law, and charitable planning. In addition to his involvement with many community charities and organizations, Knobel is a trustee of the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation and the Jack Van Sickle Foundation. Through his stewardship, these foundations and other clients have supported numerous programs on campus, including Nevada Athletics, the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, the Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center, the Latino Research Center, the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building, the E.L. Cord Foundation Academic and Athletic Performance Complex, and The Pride of the Sierra Marching Band, to name a few. He is married to Mary K. Knobel, a 1988 journalism graduate. They have two sons, John and Clark, who enjoy attending Wolf Pack basketball and football games.

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Foundation Banquet

The 29th annual University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Banquet, presented by the Whittemore Family Foundation, featured guest speaker Dr. Buzz Aldrin. We would like to thank all of our sponsors for a successful event: The Whittemore Family Foundation, E.L. Cord Foundation, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Barrick Gold of North America, Ann Carlson and Ron Turek, NVEnergy, Reno Gazette-Journal and Jane Witter.

(1) With 740 guests in attendance, Aldrin shared his space experiences along with his vision of future space exploration.

(2) Scott Whittemore holding a treasured original Life Magazine special edition published in August 1969 that features a photo of Aldrin walking on the moon on July 20, 1969 taken by fellow astronaut Neil Armstrong. With Scott are Chase Whittemore and Audrey Tearnan.

(3) Linda Nicoll and Carol Franc Buck with Peggy and Milton Glick.

(4) Chancellor Dan Klaich '72 (accounting) with Mary K. Knobel '88 (journalism) and Mark Knobel '77 (social services corrections).

(5) Sharon Smith with Dr. Jeane Jones.

(6) Platinum Sponsor Harvey Whittemore '74 (prelegal) with Peggy Hall and Foundation Banquet event chair Tom Hall '65 (finance).

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Davidson and Reno Philharmonic

The Davidson Institute for Talent Development in conjunction with the Reno Philharmonic Association and the University held an encore performance of Davidson Fellow, 11-year-old pianist Marc Yu, following an Oct. 10 concert held at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. Guests of the Davidson Institute and University gathered in the new Davidson Mathematics and Science Center Nell. J. Redfield Foundation Auditorium to hear Yu's performance.

(1) Jan Davidson, Mark Clague, Marc Yu, Laura Jackson, Reno Philharmonic president and CEO Tim Young and Chloe Yu.

(2) Milton Glick, Sara Lafrance '73 (English), Laura Jackson and Charlotte McConnell.



Nevada Writers Hall of Fame

Now in its 23rd year, the 2010 Nevada Writers Hall of Fame reception and induction ceremony held Nov. 4 in the Knowledge Center honored Darrell Spencer with the Writers Hall of Fame medal, and Terri Farley and John L. Smith were both recognized as the 2010 Silver Pen recipients.

(3) Darrell Spencer, 2010 Nevada Writers Hall of Fame inductee.

(4) Richard Starkweather '67 (management), Janice Pine '62 (biology), Joan Zenan, Deanna Yardic and Sally Jeffers.

(5) Suzette Hicks '69 (elementary education), Joanne Botsford '57 (elementary education) and Susie McQuaid '69 (prelegal).

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Summer youth camps coming soon

Summertime should be fun for kids and there's no reason planning for the balmy days ahead can't be enjoyable for parents, too. Finding a suitable day or overnight program for youth is

simple. The University hosts or co-sponsors a wide variety of summer youth camp programs and other, family-centered activities that are open to the community. We've provided a list

of top northern Nevada summer camps and activities for your perusal.

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2011 Summer Camps

Engineering Summer Camps	Child and Family Research Center Summer Day Camp	Girls Math and Technology Camp
These fun camps encourage students, ages 12 – 17, to explore the engineering majors offered at Nevada, with hands-on lessons from engineering instructors, graduate students and guest speakers. Three Intro to Engineering Camps, ages 12 – 14, are offered, along with a Civil Engineering Camp and a Robotics-Digital Games Camp, both for students 14 – 17. Scholarships and financial assistance are available. Contact: Debbie DeLauer at ddelauer@unr.edu .	The summer day camp program is a full-day, full-week program for children ages 5 through 10 (5-year-olds must have completed kindergarten.) Activities include swimming, movies, crafts and field trips. The program begins June 13 and ends Aug. 26, and is held at the University of Nevada, Reno's 11th Street site. Space is limited. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Contact: (775) 784-6762 or visit www.unr.edu/educ/cfrc .	This program seeks to improve girls' abilities and dispositions in math and technology. A one-week, overnight summer camp in July is for girls who will enter the 7th or 8th grade the following fall. A program website offering year-round services will soon be available. Scholarships are available to girls in financial need. Contact (775) 682-7849 or unrmathcamp@gmail.com .
THINK Summer Institute	KIDS University	Global Kids
Gifted students interested in a challenging academic summer program should attend the THINK Summer Institute on campus. This intense, three-week residential summer program offers exceptionally gifted 13- to 16-year-old students the opportunity to earn six transferable college credits. Contact: (775) 852-3483 ext. 6, THINK@davidsongifted.org or visit www.davidsongifted.org/THINK .	Extended Studies helps the University play host to thousands of youth in grades 2 – 8. KIDS University holds seven themed weeks during June and July, including sessions in music, language, the arts, math, science, humanities, sports and games. Contact: Extended Studies, (775) 784-4046, or visit www.extendedstudies.unr.edu .	Global Kids is a day camp for grades 1 – 6 run by the Northern Nevada International Center on the Reno campus in June. Children will explore the language, foods, stories, history, art, sports, music, and dance of Nevada's Native Americans and different continents through hands-on activities, visits from special guests, and field trips. Contact: Natasha Majewski, (775) 784-7515 ext. 225 or nmajewski@nnic.org .
Nevada Boys State	Reading and Writing Tutoring	Wolf Pack Sports Camps
American Legion Nevada Boys' State provides training in leadership and citizenship for America's most promising youth. The one-week program June 12 – 18 provides a unique summertime educational experience focusing on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governing bodies and elected public officials. Contact: Tait.Ecklund@nevadaboysstate.org or visit www.nevadaboysstate.org .	Located in the William J. Raggio Building on campus, the E.L. Cord Foundation Center for Learning and Literacy provides literacy tutoring and enrichment for children in the summer months. The center tutors children in grades 1-6 who have difficulties learning to read, write and spell. Children are tutored in small groups with an emphasis on developmental instruction and providing positive learning experiences. Contact: The center, (775) 682-5522, or Judy Otteson, (775) 784-1161.	Nevada Wolf Pack Athletics and Extended Studies offer day and overnight sports camps for boys and girls with all levels of experience, including elementary school students, middle and high school players and teams, and budding young athletes in such sports as football, basketball, baseball, golf, softball, soccer and volleyball. Contact: Extended Studies, (775) 784-4046, or visit the Athletics department web page: www.nevadawolfpack.com .
Great Basin Naturalists Summer Day Camp	Dean's Future Scholars	Summer of Discovery
Give your kids a ticket to outdoor adventure this summer at Great Basin Naturalists Summer Day Camp in Galena Creek Regional Park and Recreation Area. Trained counselors will guide children ages 8 – 12 as they discover local flora, fauna, geology and cultural history of the Galena Canyon area and the region. Activities include hands-on programs and games, hikes, guided activities, field trips and special guest speakers. This camp is based out of the new Galena Creek Visitor Center. Contact: Stefanie Givens, (775) 849-4948 or sgivens@GBInstitute.org , or visit www.thegreatbasininstitute.org .	This innovative program gives hope to low-income youth who show a great potential for college success. The program helps dedicated students graduate from high school and attend college to become teachers. Students are selected in 6th grade. Tutored by talented University students, middle school students attend a three-week session that introduces them to college life and high school students earn high school math credits. Contact Bob Edgington, (775) 784-4237, bobdfs@unr.edu , or visit: www.unr.edu/educ/dean .	Hosted by the School of Medicine, this one-week day camp provides 36 Nevada high school students, who are currently in grades 8 through 10, the chance to become excited about science. Students spend their time participating in inquiry-based, group activities in science; designing experiments to test hypotheses; and learning about successful scientists. The program's goal is to increase the number of science courses students take throughout high school and help them learn about the career and educational opportunities in science at the college level. July 18-22 on campus. Contact: Cory Martin, (775) 738-3828 or visit www.medicine.nevada.edu/dept/k_12/hs_sod.htm .



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ABOVE and LEFT: Lake Tahoe Music Camp. ABOVE RIGHT: Nevada 4-H Youth Education Leadership Camp. RIGHT: Nevada Youth Range Camp.



4-H Summer Camps

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension offers summer camping opportunities for 4-H and other youth from all over the state at the beautiful State 4-H camp on 32 shoreline acres on the south shore of Lake Tahoe. Nevada 4-H also offers such summer programs as Discover Your Future, which takes place at the University's Reno campus and gives students a chance to experience life on campus by living in dorms, eating in the cafeteria and visiting participating colleges to find out more about academics.

Nevada Youth Range Camp	Youth Education and Leadership Camps	Lake Tahoe Music Camp
<p>This overnight camp from June 19 - 25 at Big Creek Campground in the Toiyabe Mountains lets 14- 18-year-olds learn from range management professionals. Students learn basic surveying and map reading, identification and importance of rangeland plants, evaluation of sagebrush and woodland ecosystems, wildlife surveying techniques and evaluation of stream health. Contact: Jim Gatzke (775) 726-3101, james.gatzke@nv.usda.gov, or visit www.ag.unr.edu/nsrm/camp.html.</p>	<p>During the months of July and August, 4-H youth leadership development camps take place where team building, communication skills, and safety and awareness are taught. Camps include the Western Area 4-H Camp, the Central Area 4-H Camp and the Southern 4-H Camp. Other groups that also hold summer camps on the 4-H campgrounds include: Camp Winnaribbun, Girl Scouts, ASUN and University of Nevada, Reno Prospective Students.</p>	<p>The Nevada 4-H camp on the shores of Lake Tahoe is the site of Lake Tahoe Music Camp, directed by University music associate professor Andy Heglund and some of the finest music educators in their fields. The camp hosts nearly 200 young musicians for a week of music activities, clinics and concerts. Contact: Chris Money at Extended Studies, (775) 784-4046, cmoney@unr.edu or visit www.unr.edu/ltrmc.</p>
Nevada Girls State	Campers with Disabilities Camp MDA	Retreats and Conferences
<p>Nevada Girls State is a week long, fast-paced, leadership program in a camp setting, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada and the University of Nevada, Reno. Throughout the week the delegates learn about the various elected and appointed offices on the city, county, and state level, and they run for election. They learn to write legislation and participate in a mock legislative session at the end of the week. This year's session will be June 26 - July 2nd. Contact: Daela Gibson: nevadagirlsstate@gmail.com or visit http://www.nevadagirlsstate.net.</p>	<p>Camp MDA: Firefighters from Reno and Las Vegas set aside a week to spend at the Nevada State 4-H Camp with youth with muscular dystrophy. They provide campers with fantastic experiences: wheel chair races, eating contests, swimming and boating in Lake Tahoe, as well as the annual waterfight between the kids and the firefighters! The week-long, overnight camp will be held Aug. 15 - 21. Contact: (775) 333-6789, toll-free (866) 279-4754, or mda.org.</p>	<p>Many groups use the Nevada State 4-H Camp for leadership retreats where they can spend a weekend or longer learning, working and celebrating. The camp can provide directors with innovative ideas and challenging outdoor experiences. The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension 4-H Camp is available for rental year round. Day use is permitted between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Overnight use includes use of cabins as well as all other 4-H Camp facilities. For more information about the Nevada 4-H camp, visit www.unce.unr.edu/4H/camp.</p>



Nevada Alumni Association and Summer Session Pack Picnics on the Quad.



Summer Activities

Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center

A fixture on the University's Reno campus for more than 40 years, Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center welcomes community members of all ages with its spectacular star shows and feature films in the SkyDome theatre. It also offers weekly morning preschool activities, sky talks, free interactive museum exhibits and an outdoor observatory. Contact: Dan Ruby, (775) 784-4812 or danruby@unr.edu.

Free Movies at the Joe

The Joe Crowley Student Union on campus offers many activities open to the public, including free movies on the lawn outside the The Joe. For more information, call the student union's information desk at (775) 784-6505 or visit www.unr.edu/studentunion.

Free Summer Concerts and Watermelon on the Quad

Voted one of *Reno Gazette-Journal's* "Best Family Outings" — free Watermelon Wednesday concerts on the Quad are fun for all ages. Bring a blanket and join the fun from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3 and Aug. 10. Co-sponsored by Summer Session and the Nevada Alumni Association. Contact: Summer Session office, (775) 784-4652.

Nevada Humanities Chautauqua

Nevada Humanities Chautauqua is an annual living history festival in which scholars, in costume and in character, bring historical figures to life. Chautauqua programs provide dramatic insights into the people and events that have shaped our nation and the world, and also provide a historical lens for looking at contemporary issues. The 2011 Nevada Humanities Chautauqua takes place June 26 - 30 at the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno. This year's event celebrates the 20th anniversary of Chautauqua in Nevada, and features such characters as Meriwether Lewis and Henry VIII. Contact: Nevada Humanities, (775) 784-6587, or visit nevadahumanities.org.



Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas



Boys State and Girls State have a home at Nevada

The University of Nevada, Reno enjoys a long tradition of hosting the Nevada Boys State and Nevada Girls State programs each June, and this year marks the 65th anniversary for each. Boys State spends their week on the Nevada campus in Reno and Girls State takes place at the University's Cooperative Extension 4-H Camp on the south shore of Lake Tahoe.

The Nevada branches of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, respectively, proudly sponsor the programs to provide leadership opportunities to more than 250 delegates each year, representing high school juniors from all across Nevada.

Boys State and Girls State programs bring together Nevada's brightest young leaders to participate in week-long, fast-paced, academic and leadership programs that simulate the state's city, county and state government. Delegates are provided transportation from every corner of the state, as well as food, lodging and a slate of program activities. The delegates live together in their "city," elect fellow delegates to represent them on all levels of government and hold their own legislative session at the end of the week with the delegates elected as state leaders, including governor, lieutenant governor and an elected Assembly and Senate.

Each program handles the partisan side of politics differently. For both programs, delegates are divided into two political parties—the Federalists and the Nationalists. For Boys State, delegates choose their political party based on their political leanings, Girls State

and the parties write platforms and coordinate the state political campaigns for governor, lieutenant governor and other statewide offices. The candidates must raise money from their fellow delegates and craft campaigns including political ads and video spots. Girls State separates the delegates evenly into parties and the parties select their leadership and focus on moving legislation forward.

On the legislative side, each delegate writes a bill that is debated and decided upon by one of the eight legislative committees with the final top pieces of legislation going to the session's elected State Assembly and State Senate. Throughout the week, delegates hear from lawmakers, elected officials and government personnel about their roles in the shaping of how our communities function. The week culminates in Carson City at the state Capitol where the delegates participate in a mock session of the legislature. Both the Assembly and Senate debate the top legislative bills for passage to the Governor. The Nevada Legislature graciously provides the programs access to the Capitol for the entire day where the simulated elected senators and assemblymen take the seats of the actual legislators. Also, the Legislative Council Bureau helps guide the programs through the bill drafting process.

Through the decades, thousands of Nevadans have graduated from the Boys State and Girls State programs including many of the state's brightest leaders. Boys State alumni include U.S. Senator Harry Reid, Governor

Mike O'Callaghan, Governor Bob Miller, Assembly Majority Leader John Ocegüera, Nevada Regent Mark Doubrava '89M.D. and Governor Brian Sandoval '86. Girls State alumnae include former Nevada Secretary of State and Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa '71, former First Lady of Nevada Sandy Miller and state Senator Valerie Wiener. Many others have become leaders in their communities, businesses, churches, and local governments.

The support of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, plus many businesses and individuals across the state, make these programs possible each year. A dedicated all-volunteer staff, comprised of program alumni, produces the week-long programs and commits hundreds of hours in the off-season to planning and preparation. Boys State and Girls State are always looking to connect with alumni and alumnae and can be found on Facebook and on the web at www.nevadaboysstate.org and www.nevadagirlsstate.net.

To learn more about supporting the Girls State and Boys State programs or the Nevada Boys State endowment, contact Lynda Buhlig '84 at (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

—*Story contributors include Jay Hansen, executive director of American Legion Nevada Boys State Endowment Fund, and Daela Gibson, executive director of Nevada Girls' State*

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Photo by Mike Wolterbeek

Great Nevada ShakeOut earthquake drill draws more than 115,000

The first ever Great Nevada ShakeOut was a huge success, statewide coordinator Graham Kent said following the Drop, Cover and Hold-on drill practiced by schools, businesses and organizations throughout Nevada.

"It's a wonderful thing to see that more than 115,000 people registered for the event and became more earthquake aware," said Kent, director of the University's Nevada Seismological Laboratory.

The Seismological Laboratory teamed Nevada with California's successful Great ShakeOut to build awareness and get Nevada residents to practice how to respond in an earthquake, all coordinated to happen at 10:21 a.m. on 10/21.

School districts, government agencies, individuals and organizations from almost every county in the state participated.

At the University of Nevada, Reno, students, faculty and staff participated with coordinated drills in some buildings and, in others, individual classes held their own drills. The University also activated its emergency communication networks,

The Nevada Seismological Laboratory led the effort to get more than 115,000 Nevadans statewide to join California's successful Great ShakeOut effort, building awareness and having residents practice how to respond in an earthquake. Graham Kent pictured.

including mass text message, e-mail and voice mail alerts and reverse 911 phone calls.

"It's gratifying to see the enthusiasm throughout the state and it's great to see our children learning the importance of drop, cover and hold-on, and to get some practice doing it," Kent said. "Now we have to make sure their parents learn and practice this technique so the whole family is prepared."

The Great Nevada ShakeOut is the new annual Nevada statewide earthquake drill. Next year it will held on Oct. 20 at 10:20 a.m.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

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For more information visit www.seismo.unr.edu

Nevada earthquake information accessible at seismo lab website

The Nevada Seismological Laboratory's updated website offers a variety of seismological, research and public service information to help residents be prepared and stay safe.

"Our new website is easy to navigate; the public can find information fast," Graham Kent, director of the lab and professor in the Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering, said. "It's also easier for us to update the site quickly in case of emergencies or incidents, so the public also has timely information."

Earthquakes in Nevada and eastern California are posted within seconds of their occurrence.

"Since earthquakes occur randomly, we need a website that's flexible and fast," Kent said. "With our real-time statewide network, and the speed in which we can upload data to the site, we can now alert people and agencies to what is happening immediately." The seismo lab is a research and public service division within the University's College of Science.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



Photo by John Byrne

Reno's famous arch turns blue in support of Nevada Wolf Pack

Following the 500th victory in the football program's history and days before the much-anticipated and sold-out football game against No. 4 Boise State in November, Reno's iconic downtown arch turned blue as a show of support for the Nevada Wolf Pack, who won 34-31.

"Turning our famous Reno Arch blue shows the town's support for our Wolf Pack teams and generates great community spirit," city of Reno

Mayor Bob Cashell said of the effort, which was funded through donations.

Other Reno-area landmarks joined in the show of support including the Silver Legacy Resort Casino and the Grand Sierra Resort, which used blue lights to turn the exterior of their facilities blue.

During the evening ceremony to turn on the arch with its new, blue light bulbs, University

President Milt Glick expressed great pride in the Nevada Wolf Pack football team's national ranking, but reminded the audience that the academic performance of all student athletes remains a priority. The NCAA issued its academic progress report this fall, and of the nation's top 25 teams, the Nevada Wolf Pack had the 10th best graduation success rate.

—Jane Tors '82

Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media names deputy director

Eric Robinson, an attorney with experience in media and Internet law, has been named deputy director of the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media, part of the Reynolds School of Journalism. He began his new post Oct. 1.

The center, managed by the Reynolds School in collaboration with the National Judicial College, is the only organization devoted to resolving conflicts between the competing constitutional guarantees of free speech, open courts and fair trials.

"Eric's essential experience in First Amendment law will be valuable to the center as we develop training curricula and education materials that judges and journalists will find useful as they fulfill the expectations of their respective roles," said Ben Holden, director.

Robinson will oversee *Reynolds Courts and*

Media Law Journal, a new scholarly journal that will explore emerging issues, such as the impact of social media on courts.

"The issues involving the courts and the media have moved beyond issues such as 'cameras in the courtroom,' to include new issues involving use of the Internet and other new communication technologies in our courts," Robinson said.

Robinson previously was staff attorney at the Media Law Resource Center in New York, where he tracked and analyzed litigation and legal issues involving the media and the Internet. He also has published articles in *The Encyclopedia of the First Amendment* and the *Journal of Internet Law* and is a regular blog contributor for the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University.

Robinson has worked in federal, state and

local government, and previously worked as an editor and reporter for community newspapers in the New York City area.

Most of the funding for the center comes from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation of Las Vegas, the journalism school's biggest benefactor.

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation is a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954 by the late media entrepreneur for whom it is named. Headquartered in Las Vegas, it is one of the largest private foundations in the United States.

—Zanny Marsh '09MJM



Eric Robinson

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Faces on the Quad



KIMBERLY MAHONEY, MAX WYNNE, MOLLY MOSER

These three freshman journalism students were transformed into real-world journalists at the Rally to Restore Sanity hosted by "The Daily Show's" Jon Stewart and the March to Keep Fear Alive hosted by "The Colbert Report's" Stephen Colbert in October at the Washington Monument in Washington D.C. They shot photographs and videos, tweeted and reported to their blog entitled, "Fearful Yet Sane: Three college journalism students' journey to our generation's defining moment." Max Wynne is a chemical engineering major, but is considering journalism as a major. Kimberly Mahoney is a journalism major planning to focus on advertising. Molly Moser is a journalism major and would like to minor in either forensic pathology or mortuary science. Expenses for the three students' trip were covered by donations.

NAZRUL MOJUMDER

This Reno High School graduate is now a senior studying chemistry and chemical engineering. Nazrul or "Naz" Mojumder has been involved with the Honors Program and Women in Dialogue club and is a McNair Scholar and vice president of the Muslim Student Association. As a McNair Scholar, he went through intensive Graduate Record Examination preparation last summer and carried out a research project working with a metalloenzyme called NiSOD-nickel superoxide dismutase. He is continuing this research work through the College of Science's Department of Chemistry and hopes to attend graduate school, where he would like to continue research on neurodegenerative diseases.



STEVEN WOOD

A former U.S. Marine from Lexington, Ky., this 36-year-old returning student is pursuing a degree in computer science after having worked in information technology for several years. Last summer, Wood landed a coveted internship through the Nevada NASA Space Grant Consortium and worked at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. The

grant, awarded through the University's Department of Computer Science and Engineering, offered him the opportunity to work in the Mobility and Robotics Section at the lab with the Surface System Perception Group. He was one of 130 summer interns working at the massive Ames campus in California and was one of four interns from the University's College of Engineering.

—Krystal Pyatt '10

Discover Science Lecture Series features top scientists

Renowned scientists from around the country are featured in a series of five evening lectures in the University's new Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, Nell J. Redfield Auditorium.

"Science encompasses a wonderfully diverse collection of explorations into the unknown," said Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science. "We invite the public to join faculty and students as we experience the extent of the science universe with the best scientists on the planet through our Discover Science Lecture Series."

The inaugural lecture in November featured National Academy of Science fellow and adjunct University of Nevada, Reno professor Michael Waterman, one of the founders and current leaders in the area of computational biology. His work formed one of the theoretical cornerstones for many DNA mapping and sequencing projects, including the Human Genome Project.

The second lecture in the series, "Lake Tahoe: Five Decades of Change and the World Water Crisis," was presented by world-renowned limnologist and Lake Tahoe expert Charles Goldman.

"The world water crisis is exemplified by the changes at Lake Tahoe over the past three decades, and is directly linked to climatic change," said Goldman, also now an adjunct professor at the University. "Freshwater and marine ecosystems are now threatened on a global scale."

Upcoming topics and speakers in the series are:

- "The World as Seen Through the Lens of a Scientist. How knowledge of math, biology, chemistry and physics can transform how you live, work and play." Presented Feb. 3 by Neil DeGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist; director, Hayden Planetarium, Department of Astrophysics, American Museum of Natural History, New York.
- "Eleven Thousand Years of Long-Term Human Environment Interaction in Amazonia." Presented April 7 by Anna Roosevelt, professor, Department of Anthropology and Program in Geography, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- "The Coupled Climate-Energy System: Limiting Climatic Disruption in the American West by Revolutionary Change in the Global Energy System." Presented May 5 by Larry Smarr, founding director, California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology; Harry E. Gruber, professor in computer science and engineering, University of California, San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering.

For more information, call (775) 784-4591 or visit www.unr.edu/cos.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

To Sant'Ambrogio, teaching is sweetness

Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio, the 2009 Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award recipient, will showcase her superlative teaching and performing skills during the second L-Cubed series, set to begin in February. Sant'Ambrogio, assistant professor of violin and viola and director of the University's Orchestral Career Studies graduate program, created the "L-Cubed: Look, Lunch and Listen" concert series, a dynamic sequence of concerts and exhibitions showcasing Nevada's Department of Music and Department of Art students and faculty.

"It's a great opportunity for students to perform in a public setting," graduate student Roberta Franca said. "It is an intimate setting; you can actually see the audience and their reactions to the music."

Sant'Ambrogio began playing the violin at five and started teaching when she was in the



Photo by Nonie Wainwright

Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio, assistant professor of violin and viola and director of the University's Orchestral Career Studies graduate program, instructs graduate student Roberta Franca.

sixth grade. She taught a third-grade girl for half an hour every week in exchange for a bag of chocolate chip cookies baked by the student's mother.

"I always associated teaching with sweetness," Sant'Ambrogio said. "I want to inspire and encourage them to be creative."

L-Cubed offers free performances every Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m., Feb. 23 through April 20 in the Frank and Joan Randall Rotun-

da in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

The Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award is supported by an endowment and given to University faculty members within the College of Liberal Arts who exemplify outstanding teaching methods.

—Nonie Wainwright '10

Russ Fields named director of Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering

Russ Fields has been appointed the new director of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering.

"Russ brings extensive experience as a geologist and manager in the petroleum, minerals and natural resources development industries to the University," said Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science. "I'm excited he's agreed to accept this challenging endeavor." The Mackay School, formerly known as the Mackay School of Mines, is a division of the College of Science.

Fields will work with the Mackay School faculty and staff to develop a vision for the



Russ Fields

Photo by Jean Dixon

school and initiate steps to realize this shared vision. He will represent the Mackay School interests to alumni and the public, be a liaison to external stakeholders and will work to broaden the College of Science's connection to the natural resource and earth science industries.

From his third-floor office in the historic Mackay Mines building overlooking the University's quadrangle, Fields said: "I'm very happy to be here; I'm honored to have the position. There's such a long and proud heritage that's Mackay. We're working on a vision for the future—which is extremely bright—to continuing to build on that heritage, to take the school to even higher levels.

"We want to be recognized as one of the leading institutions in the nation, not only for mining but earth science and engineering,

which isn't such a stretch—we have such a great core to build on."

Fields earned both his bachelor's of science in geology (1974) and master's of business administration (1985) from Nevada, and was the Mackay Alumnus of the Year in 2005. He has worked with Placid Oil Company, Milchem Inc., Sierra Pacific Resources, the Nevada Division of Minerals and Western Resources Group, LLC. In addition, he served as president of the Nevada Mining Association for 10 years beginning in 1997.

"It's a little humbling to sit here, in what was the dean's office 40 years ago when I was an undergrad," he said. "I must admit, it was a little scary coming up the stairs to see the dean back then. It's such an honor to climb those stairs now."

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

Nevada professors collaborate on California agriculture field guide

As agritourism, farmers markets and the slow-food movement have taken off, so has a renewed interest in America's agriculture. Nevada Foundation Professors Paul Starrs (geography) and Peter Goin (art) have teamed up to produce a fact-filled, entertaining, practical *Field Guide to California Agriculture*.

The two spent six years engaged in a labor of love documenting almost 400 different crops grown in California's 75,000 farms and ranches.

In the preface, Starrs explains, "Believe us: we, too, try to share our love for the eccentricity and possibility of California. All those miles, all those conversations (routinely in Spanish, which we both speak with some fluency), have brought agriculture to life."

Starrs' lively writing and Goin's eye-opening photographs transform the book from simply a factual "catalog" to an enjoyable story of heritage, culture and social significance.

"I was particularly struck by the diversity of the crops," Goin said, "but also of the people in

the industry and those who work the fields. California has so many specialty crops partly because of the state's ethnic diversity and global markets."

The guide, published by the University of California Press, covers California's array of diverse crops and animal products, from chestnuts, cheese and cherries, to cabernet, cattle and cannabis (marijuana). The authors document that marijuana is the state's largest-value crop and is produced in commercial quantities in all but seven of the state's 54 counties.

Besides the book's survey of crops, there is also a historical overview, a section on the state's agricultural regions, and a dramatic gallery of large-format photographs.

Goin and Starrs worked together previously, producing *Black Rock*, a beautiful exploration of the rugged northern Nevada region. Both have deep roots in, and appreciation for, California's agriculture. Goin's father worked as a seasonal farm worker in the lemon groves during his time at the University of California, Berkeley. Starrs



Photo by Jean Dixon

Nevada Foundation Professors Paul Starrs and Peter Goin team up once again, this time to produce the fact-filled and entertaining Field Guide to California Agriculture.

has spent much time discovering California's back roads and has even worked as a ranch hand.

The two are explorers at heart, meeting in Reno during the 1997 flood, "hiking along the Truckee, knee-deep in water," Goin said. "He was scouting, and I was capturing a moment in Reno land and life making photographs."

The rest is history, and an example of one great, interdisciplinary partnership.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

Reynolds School of Journalism partners with Scholastic Journalism Institute

The Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno has announced a partnership with the newly formed Scholastic Journalism Institute (SJI), a think tank created to address issues facing scholastic journalism. The journalism school will host meetings of SJI, provide management support and seek collaborative projects with Reynolds School faculty members.

"High school is the critical time to nourish students' interest in journalism. Unfortunately, programs across the country are threatened by shrinking resources," said Jerry Ceppos, Reynolds School dean. "Our goal is to help educators and administrators protect scholastic journalism, offer professional development for advisers and enrich the academic experience for high school students."

A Newspaper Association of America 2008 study reported that students who work on high school newspapers and yearbooks get better grades in high school, earn higher ACT scores, and get better grades

as college freshmen.

Steve O'Donoghuean, SJI member and director of the California Journalism Institute, an organization that promotes high school journalism, said: "Scholastic journalism is threatened like no time in recent memory. Courses are disappearing in every state. This is an effort to mobilize advisers to advocate more effectively for their programs," "The Reynolds School of Journalism is a significant partner in this initiative."

Ceppos noted: "This is a wonderful addition to the Reynolds School high school portfolio," Ceppos said. "We began a regional high-school journalism association in 2008 and have built a stable of programs. The Reynolds School co-sponsors a residential boot camp for news staffs and advisers, educates more than 100 students at Journalism Day every year and hosts the summer ASNE Reynolds Institute for high-school journalism teachers."

SJI is comprised of six members and each will serve two-year terms.

—Zanny Marsh '09MJM

Veteran business journalist named to Reynolds chair

Veteran financial journalist and author Alan Deutschman has been named Reynolds Endowed Chair in Business Journalism at the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism.

Deutschman, 45, has covered Silicon Valley and other business topics for years. He was Fortune's Silicon Valley bureau chief from 1992-95. He also wrote about the valley and other subjects for *GQ*, *New York Magazine*, *Fast Company* and *Vanity Fair*. One of Deutschman's four books, *The Second Coming of Steve Jobs*, was about Silicon Valley, and he is at work on a major new book about the valley. Deutschman also has written for *TheDailyBeast.com* and for *Salon.com*.

"With more than 20 years of experience in business journalism, Alan will be a boon for our students," said Jerry Ceppos, dean of the Reynolds School. "And his deep knowledge of Silicon Valley will help us move closer to world leaders

in technology who are only 45 minutes away by air and should be involved with our school."

Deutschman will teach business and other journalism courses beginning in January, develop a program in business journalism and research contemporary issues in the subject. Some of the courses will emphasize the coming "green economy" because of its importance to Nevada.

In addition to writing about Silicon Valley, Deutschman also has established a reputation for expertise in leadership and change. The *Wall Street Journal* called his 2009 book, *Walk the Walk: The #1 Rule for Real Leaders*, an "engaging reminder of some leadership basics that aren't necessarily taught in business school." *The Miami Herald* and *Strategy + Business* magazine both named *Walk the Walk* one of the best business books of 2009. LeadershipNow.com called it

one of the best leadership books of 2009.

Deutschman succeeds the University's first chair in business journalism, David Morrow, who died in February.

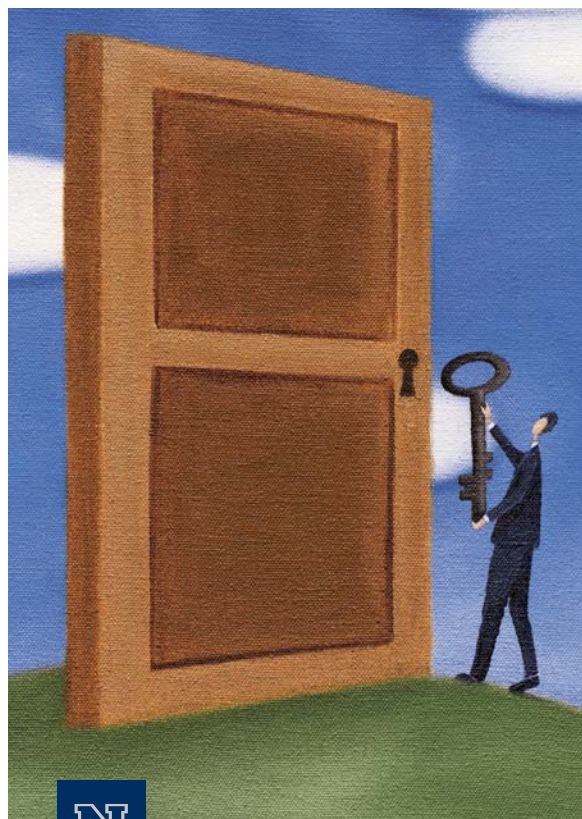
The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation granted more than \$2.2 million to the school last year to develop courses in business journalism. Deutschman will work with Reynolds business chairs at Washington & Lee University, the University of Missouri and Arizona State University and with the Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism at Arizona State University on articles, research projects and training seminars.

—Zanny Marsh '09MJM



Alan Deutschman

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Nevada professor helps teachers and parents teach deafblind

MaryAnn Demchak, professor of special education in the College of Education, took on assisting the deafblind, or dual-sensory impaired, as her special mission two years after arriving at Nevada.

For 20 years now, through her Nevada Dual Sensory Impairment Project, she has been assisting teachers, parents and preschool intervention specialists who care for youth with both visual and hearing impairments up to age 21. They call Demchak when they need help communicating, teaching and caring for this special population. Demchak visits the home or school to observe the children and make recommendations.

"I've been able to have Dr. Demchak come to homes with me and model the intervention methods," explained Pam Young, development specialist at Nevada Early Intervention Services. "She has brought toys that work—that I wouldn't have thought of. She thinks outside of



Photo by Annmarie Cohen

Professor MaryAnn Demchak works with Joseph Simon, 10 years old.

the box. She also watches for clues as to how the kids are responding and shows ways to present things to them."

Young, who earned her master's in early childhood special education from Nevada in 2007 and is working on her doctorate, says that when it comes to the children she is assisting, Demchak "just knows no boundaries with them. She lets me know what these little guys are capable of."

Demchak also offers a lending library and puts on an annual conference each year. She is currently assisting about 100 children scattered throughout the state, spending a lot of time on the road.

"I make a lot of trips to Clark County and the rural areas," she says.

According to Chris Cheney, dean of the College of Education, "There's not much else out there for this specific population. This is a program that's really helping one of the most vulnerable populations in the state and their families."

The program is mostly funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, with some supplemental funds supplied by the Nevada Department of Education the last two years.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

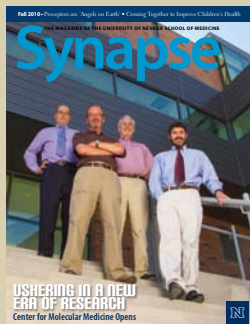
School of Medicine's Synapse magazine earns Silver Spike award

Synapse, the magazine of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, received a Silver Spike award from the Sierra Nevada chapter of the Public Relations Society of America at the organization's annual awards dinner Nov. 18 at the Atlantis Hotel Casino in Reno.

"*Synapse* was a long-standing tradition at the School of Medicine which we are so happy has been recognized by PRSA," said Cheryl Hug-English '78 (biology), '82M.D., interim dean of the medical school. "We are proud to be able to tell the medical school's story through this award-winning publication. I

am grateful to all those who work hard in making this publication such a success and would like to particularly acknowledge the work of Anne McMillin and Edgar Antonio Nuñez in the development and design of *Synapse*."

The semi-annual magazine, which was re-established in 2009 after a nine-year absence, carries the message of the medical school's work, its students, faculty and research and clinical programs to a broad audience



of stakeholders including alumni, donors, friends, elected officials and community physicians.

The Silver Spike award is recognition of the best, most exemplary public relations work to take place in northern Nevada over the past year, according to Kristen Power, PRSA's chapter judging chair.

In addition, the University and DRI earned two Awards of Excellence in the printed publications category. The materials were created for the 2010 Tahoe Summit, hosted by Nevada Sen. Harry Reid.

—Staff reports

Synapse is generously supported by the University of Nevada School of Medicine's Alumni Association. Synapse can be found online:

Glick delivers economic development keynote

For economic development to truly succeed, University President Milt Glick said during a keynote address at the University Economic Development Association national conference, “a great interaction” between communities and universities must occur.

Glick shared the examples of San Diego, Calif., and Seattle, Wash., where a major research university certainly was a driving force, but was not the only factor in strong economic redevelopment efforts.

“In both cases, the presence of great universities served as a catalyst for their communities.”

Noting the University’s 66 percent increase in baccalaureate degrees awarded over the past 10 years, Glick said, “The single most important thing we do (in the economic development equation) is to create an educated workforce. All of us know that we will not enjoy the same kind of quality of life if we don’t produce an educated workforce.”

Commercialization of innovations was a prime conference topic, and Glick shared several examples from the University of Nevada, where faculty-led innovation has resulted in business development either from University-created technologies or through the efforts of graduates who learned such technologies while at Nevada.

More than 170 university economic development professionals from across the country attended the conference Nov. 7-9, hosted in Reno by the University’s College of Business and Nevada Small Business Development Center. The University’s Center for Economic Development received the Award of Excellence in Economic Development and Public Policy Research, one of five awards presented during the conference.

—John Trent ’85/’87, ’00M.A.



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Scott Mensing named Nevada Professor of the Year by Carnegie Foundation

Professor Scott Mensing has been named the state’s top professor by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and its partner in the awards program, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. He received the Nevada Professor of the Year for 2010 Award in a November ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Mensing, a biogeographer and paleoecologist with a doctorate in geography, has been teaching since 1987. He began as a graduate student instructor at University of California, Berkeley and joined Nevada’s College of Science faculty in 1993. He makes effective teaching sound simple:

“I have two basic premises: motivate and engage the students; and don’t assume that people understand what you’re saying. If the students aren’t engaged, I’m disappointed. In a lecture class there must be activities to keep students focused, and I try to use the class time to get them thinking by developing an exercise where they can demonstrate understanding of

a principle and then apply it.”

“I strive to make teaching visual, not just showing but doing,” he added. “Sometimes you have to get them off balance, which means I may do some goofy stuff in class. We can be too formal, which can create a distance between you and the students. It’s important that we meet as colleagues.”

Mensing has earned other distinguished teaching awards: the Nevada Board of Regents Teaching Award in 2007, the University’s F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award in 2006 and the College of Science’s LeMay Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2005.

“Receiving awards like these, it makes me feel that every time I teach, it better be award-winning caliber,” he said. “I’ve always had the attitude that when I walk into class it should be the best class I’ve ever had. I know it’s not possible every time, but for me, I’m disappointed if I don’t at least start with that attitude.”

—Mike Wolterbeek ’02



Photo by Dr. Nand Grewal

Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation supports study abroad and multimedia education

The Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation recently gave two generous gifts to the University of Nevada, Reno. The first gift supports a Study Abroad Scholarship program at the University Studies Abroad Consortium. The scholarships enable students, regardless of socioeconomic status, the ability to study abroad and enjoy the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, experiences and attitudes to prepare them for the global society of the 21st century. Up to 25 students will receive the Smallwood Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship beginning in spring 2011.

Carmelo Urza, USAC's director, noted that "The Smallwood Foundation gift provides Nevada students with the opportunity to participate in a USAC study abroad experience in one of 24 countries. The generosity of the Smallwood Foundation will make a huge difference in transforming these students' lives and will likely make Nevada more competitive in the globalized economy of the 21st century."

The second gift was granted to the Division of Information Technology and University Libraries for a Multimedia Summer Boot Camp and undergraduate assistantship program.

Steve Zink, the vice president for information technology, said of the gift, "The Smallwood Foundation recognized the special relationship the Knowledge Center facilities offer to millennial students—those who have grown up with the Internet and the World Wide Web. They not only read and absorb information, they are active learners who leverage new media technology to gain additional perspectives when using information. These are the types of students who we most assuredly want to attract to the University."

Up to 17 northern Nevada high school students, between their junior and senior years, will participate in a program designed to accelerate their acquisition of the skills required to be successful in new directions in knowledge creation. Working with the @One



Photo by Jeff Ross

ABOVE: USAC Bangalore students with locals during an overnight trip to a village as part of their Service Learning and Sociology of Gender courses. INSET: @One in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

staff of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, students will spend two weeks in rigorous instruction geared toward a wide range of multimedia activities. The Boot Camp graduate who exhibits the greatest potential for multimedia work, and who enrolls at Nevada, will be named a Smallwood Foundation Scholar and be awarded a two-year undergraduate assistantship. The program starts in summer 2011.

—Keiko Weil '87

To learn more about USAC, contact Director Carmelo Urza at (775) 682-5888 or curza@unr.edu, and for more information about the University Libraries and its programs, contact Development Director Millie Mitchell at (775) 682-5682 or mimitchell@unr.edu.

College of Business Opens E.L. Cord Student Success Center

The E.L. Cord Student Success Center in the College of Business opened Oct. 22 on the fourth floor of the Ansari Business Building.

The E.L. Cord Foundation provided funding for the project, with additional gifts provided by the Roxie and Azad Joseph Foundation, the Confidence Foundation, Steve Johnson, Hal Plummer and R.C. Barnes. The center features approximately 2,400 square feet of renovated space that includes advising offices, group study areas, a conference room and two student interview/activity rooms.

"We are tremendously grateful for the generous gifts we received to build the E.L. Cord Student Success Center", said Greg Mosier, dean of the College of Business. "This is an important and integral part of our student success initiative, and we are fortunate to have community partners who believe in our work."

The center is a place where students meet



E.L. Cord Foundation officer Joe Bradley '78, emeritus professor Nazir Ansari and College of Business dean Greg Mosier.

with academic and career advisers, gather with peers and faculty for study groups, participate in career development training and on-campus interviews with employers, as well as meet with student organizations. The center complements the efforts of the college's faculty to provide essential support services that engage students in learning, increase retention and subsequent graduation, and successfully transition students into vibrant career opportunities.

The College of Business' degree programs are designed to prepare students to be successful in both private and public sector organizations throughout the state, region and nation. The college offers baccalaureate degrees, as well as high quality master's programs in accountancy,

business administration, economics, finance and information systems. For the third year in a row, *The Princeton Review* has recognized the College of Business in special review: The Best 300 Business Schools. Additionally, *BusinessWeek* magazine ranked Nevada's part-time MBA program as 21st in the United States. Nevada's MBA program is the largest of the University's 138 graduate programs, with 193 students enrolled in fall 2010.

—Staff reports

To learn more about the College of Business and its programs, contact Kristen Kennedy '98, director of development, at (775) 682-6490 or kristenk@unr.edu.

Legacy gift to University Libraries from '46 alumna

A native of Washington, D.C., Kathleen "Katie" H. Blythe '46 (history) was born Jan. 20, 1925 and grew up in Pennsylvania and California. Although Katie could have gone to college in California, she wanted to go away to school. Fate intervened when her mother attended a convention in Reno and announced that she had found a college for Katie and her twin sister, Isabel '46 (journalism), to attend: the University of Nevada. Both sisters had very fond memories of their years at Nevada, including membership in the University ski team and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Upon graduation, Katie went on to enjoy a lengthy career in advertising in both New York City and San Francisco. Katie moved to Carmel, Calif. in 1981 and became involved in the local philanthropic community.

During her lifetime, Katie was also a long-time supporter of the University Libraries and member of the Friends of the University Libraries program at Nevada. Katie passed away on Dec. 27, 2009, but remembered the University Libraries in her estate plans. Katie's bequest will be used to establish an endowment to support the University Libraries and provide discretionary funds to meet whatever needs, or take advantage of whatever opportunities, the dean of University Libraries considers most important



Kathleen "Katie" H. Blythe '46

in a given year.

Steve Zink, the vice president for information technology and dean of University Libraries, said, "A gift like this is a testament to the University Libraries' role in creating a rich learning environment on campus. Katie's generous bequest will help to ensure that students of the 21st century will be able to avail themselves of the extraordinary opportunities offered by the information age."

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To learn more about planned giving opportunities at the University, contact Director of Planned Giving Lisa Riley at (775) 682-6017 or lriley@unr.edu; and to learn more about supporting the University Libraries, contact Director of Development Millie Mitchell at (775) 682-5682 or mimitchell@unr.edu.

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Wolf Pack football turns in a season to remember

The Wolf Pack solidified one of the best years in school history, turning in a 12-1 regular-season record and earning a trip to the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl in San Francisco to take on Boston College, the team's sixth consecutive bowl appearance. Nevada also finished the season ranked 15th in the Bowl Championship Series standings.

Led by Western Athletic Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Year Colin Kaepernick at quarterback and four first-team All-WAC

honorees—running back Vai Taua, tight end Virgil Green, offensive lineman John Bender and defensive end Dontay Moch—Nevada also captured a share of its second WAC championship. Head coach Chris Ault also earned his second WAC Coach of the Year award.

Nevada won its first six games to open the season, including a 52-31 victory over then No. 24 California at a packed Mackay Stadium. The Wolf Pack charged through

WAC play with a 7-1 record, ending its home slate with a thrilling 34-31 overtime victory over then third-ranked Boise State. The team then clinched a share of the WAC crown by ending the regular season with a victory at Louisiana Tech.

—Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for media services

(1) Nevada clinched a share of its second WAC championship with a victory at Louisiana Tech to end the regular season. **(2)** Nevada opened the season with six straight victories, including a 52-31 upset of then 24th-ranked California. **(3)** Freshman Anthony Martinez nailed a 34-yard field goal in overtime against third-ranked Boise State to give Nevada its biggest win in the history of the program. **(4)** WAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year Colin Kaepernick rewrote the NCAA record books this year, becoming the first player in the history of college football to throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a season in three seasons. **(5)** Defensive end Dontay Moch set the school and WAC records for tackles for loss, en route to earning first-team All-WAC honors. **(6)** WAC Coach of the Year Chris Ault and the Wolf Pack celebrate their victory over Boise State in the locker room.

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Orders for 2011 season tickets available now!

Nevada is currently accepting orders for fans who would like to purchase new football season tickets for the 2011 Wolf Pack football season. Fans can reserve new season tickets by placing a nonrefundable \$50-per-seat deposit. There is a form available online at www.nevadawolfpack.com, or fans can call Meredith Montoya, (775) 682-6905. Season ticket prices and the schedule for the 2011 season will be announced in the spring. The 2011 schedule will include home games with UNLV, Fresno State and Hawai'i, among its highlights (dates to be announced).

Current season ticket holders will have first rights to purchase their seats and will receive a renewal in early spring. New season ticket holders will then have the ability to select seats after the renewals are processed in late spring.

For more information, visit or call the Nevada Ticket Office at (775) 348-PACK (7225) or go online at www.nevadawolfpack.com.

Lyons ends Wolf Pack career as finalist for NCAA Woman of the Year

Former Nevada skier Katie Lyons '09 (biology) ended her outstanding Wolf Pack career by being named one of the top 30 honorees and one of only 10 representing NCAA Division I institutions for the 20th annual NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

The NCAA Woman of the Year Award honors female student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, community service and leadership.

As one of the finalists for the prestigious honor, Lyons attended the NCAA Woman of the Year awards event in Indianapolis in October. As part of the event, the 30 finalists teamed with a group of local girls to plant a legacy garden at the NCAA Hall of Fame and attended a gala dinner hosted by *ESPN* personalities Jenn Brown and Jonathan Drubner.

"I was honored and humbled to be in the presence of such amazing, successful women, who I know are all making a difference in their community and individual fields," Lyons said. "Moreover, I am honored to be a representative of the University of Nevada which has supported me in athletics and, more

importantly, academics over the last five years. I can confidently say that the University of Nevada Athletic Department is the reason I have achieved my own success on and off the ski hill."

A Reno native, Lyons excelled on the slopes despite being diagnosed with scoliosis and having back surgery when she was 15. She was a three-time NCAA qualifier and earned All-America honors in 2008 after finishing seventh in the women's slalom at the NCAA Championships. She was named the Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Ski Association Skier of the Week for Feb. 25-29, 2008 after winning the women's slalom at a race just prior to the NCAA Regional. Lyons finished third in the women's giant slalom and fourth in the women's slalom at the 2008 NCAA West Regional. She was also an *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District selection and earned a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

Lyons also became involved in Nevada's Student-Athlete Advisory Council and dedicated her time to a number of community service projects during her collegiate career. She joined SAAC as a team representative at first and then moving through the leadership ranks, serving as treasurer, vice president and then president in



Photo courtesy Nevada Media Services

Katie Lyons '09 was a finalist for the prestigious NCAA Woman of the Year award.

2009-10. Some of the group's activities under her leadership included the Wolf Pack's "adopt-a-soldier" project, a dance for student-athletes, more interactive Champs/Life Skills events and a teacher recognition program. Lyons also continued to work with her back surgeon to help other scoliosis patients deal with the condition and has volunteered at clinics and with doctors over the past several years.

After graduating *summa cum laude* with a degree in biology in May 2009, Lyons continued her collegiate career by pursuing a second degree in nutrition science in 2010. She was accepted into the University of Nevada School of Medicine and plans to pursue a career in orthopedics.

—Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for media services

Athletics Graduation Success Rate reaches all-time high

The University of Nevada's Graduation Success Rate for student-athletes has reached its all-time high for the sixth year in a row.

Nevada's student-athletes have posted an overall Graduation Success Rate of 75 percent, the highest mark in school history and up from its previous best mark of 73 percent in 2009. Nevada's Graduation Success Rate has improved in each of the last six years, going from 63 percent in 2005 to 75 percent in 2010. The federal graduation rate for Nevada's student-athletes, which doesn't count transfer students, is 60 percent this year. That number has skyrocketed from 47 percent in 2007.

"Our student-athletes, faculty and staff should be congratulated for improving our Graduation Success Rate for the sixth year in a row and for the academic progress they continue to make," University President Milt Glick said. "Our athletics program understands the importance of producing student-athletes who are as successful in the classroom as they are on the field, and I am very proud of this latest achievement."

The current Graduation Success Rate is based on student-athletes who began full-time enrollment at any school in the fall of 2003 and received athletic aid in their first

year of college.

The Graduation Success Rate was developed by the NCAA as part of its academic reform initiative to more accurately assess the academic success of student-athletes. Unlike the federal graduation rate, the Graduation Success Rate holds institutions accountable for transfer student-athletes, includes mid-year enrollees, and is calculated for every sport.

— Staff reports

Nevada prepares to 'Move to the Mountain'

The University of Nevada has launched its Move to the Mountain campaign as the Wolf Pack prepares for the new challenges, exposure and opportunities that being a member of the Mountain West Conference will bring.

The campaign was kicked off during the Wolf Pack's 34-31 football victory over third-ranked Boise State in November with the unveiling of a mobile giving program that allows people to donate \$10 to Nevada Athletics by texting GOPACK to 20222. There is also a Facebook application that allows donors to make the same donation, which is then billed through the donors' cell phone bills.

The Move to the Mountain campaign is a five-year fund-raising effort that will allow the Wolf Pack athletics program to continue to grow and sustain its long-term competitiveness as Nevada makes the historic move to the Mountain West Conference in 2012. Funds raised will be used to offset budget cuts and annual increases in the costs of doing business as well as provide the Wolf Pack the academic and athletic resources its teams need to be successful against the higher ranked programs in the Mountain West.

Nevada Athletics is currently ranked fifth in the Western Athletic Conference in annual expenditures and will have the smallest budget in the Mountain West Conference when the Wolf Pack makes that move in 2012.

"Our Move to the Mountain campaign is vital to the continued success of the Wolf Pack athletics program," said Athletics Director Cary Groth. "Our move to the Mountain West Conference brings with it a lot of excitement and new challenges, and the support of our donors and the community, including many who will choose to give to Nevada for the first time through our mobile giving campaign, will be critical to giving our student-athletes and programs the resources they need to compete on the bigger stage of the Mountain West Conference and continue the legacy and tradition of Wolf Pack Athletics."

For more information or to donate to the Move to the Mountain campaign, call (775) 682-6902 or visit www.movingtothemountain.com.

—Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for media services



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Second Annual Blue Tie Ball to raise scholarship money set for Feb. 4

Scholarships for student-athletes are one of the biggest costs for the University of Nevada Athletics Department, and the latest special event, the Blue Tie Ball, will raise money to fund the scholarships that make the Wolf Pack's success on and off the playing field possible.

Set for 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 in the Tuscany Ballroom at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, the Blue Tie Ball promises to be an unforgettable evening of elegance, indulgence and fun to celebrate the success of Nevada's student-athletes and to support the Wolf Pack program. The honorary chairs for the event are Joe '78 (economics) and Liza Bradley '96 (accounting).

The black tie event will feature hosted cocktails, themed vignette dining featuring four of the Peppermill's restaurants, wine and beer tasting, dancing and a silent auction. Nevada student-athletes and coaches will also be on hand to meet guests.

Musical entertainment for the evening provided by local musicians, all of whom are members or graduates of the University of Nevada, Reno Music Program, and vocalist Eric Andersen, a former student-athlete.

Tickets for the Blue Tie Ball are \$175 each and tables of eight are available for \$1,400. The Peppermill is also offering room and spa packages for guests. Tickets and more information are available by calling (775) 682-6965 or logging on to www.nevadawolfpack.com.

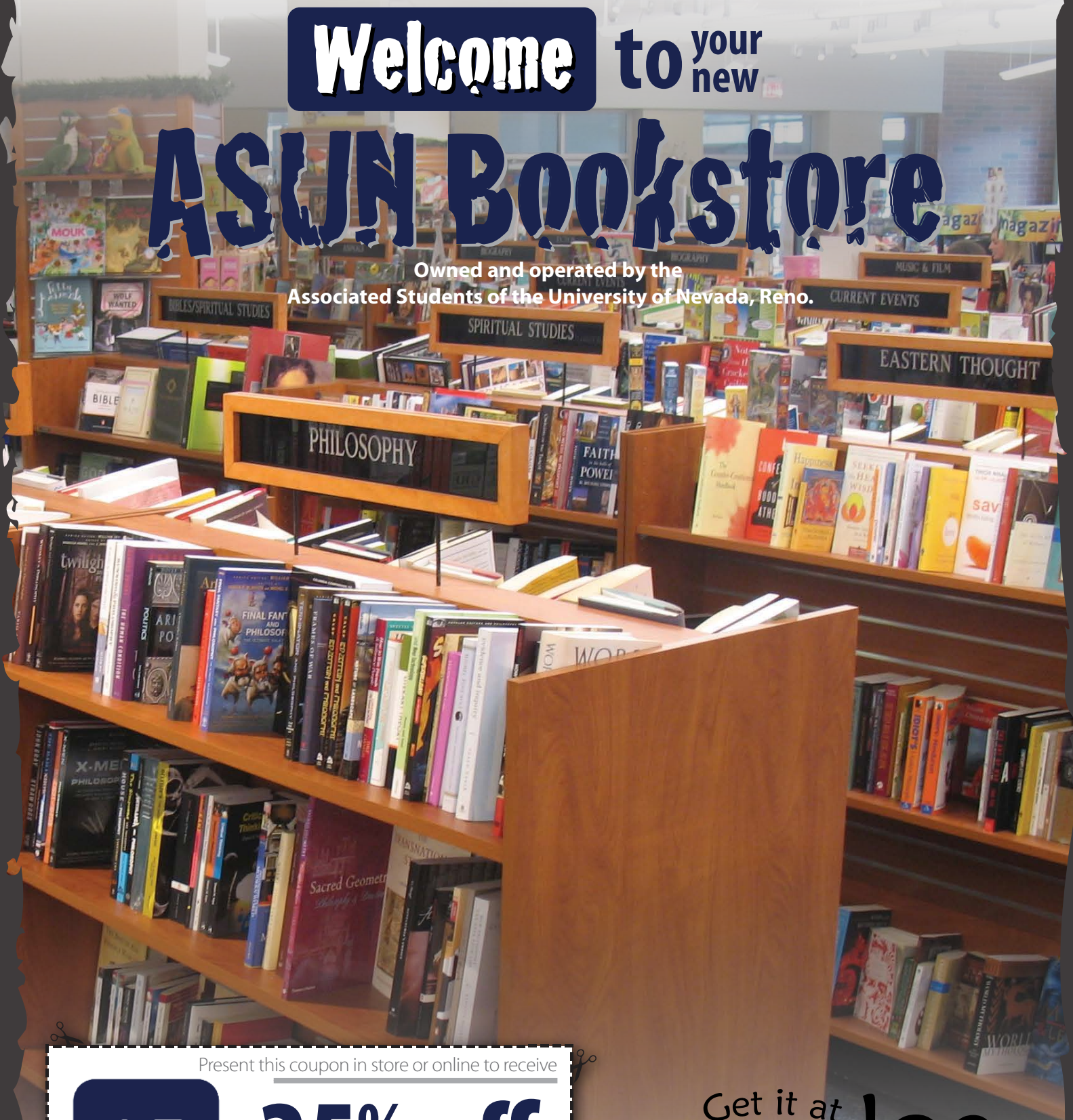
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Wolf Pack donor Lisa Compton and Nevada football student-athletes Chris Wellington, Brandon Wimberly, Colin Kaepernick, Vai Taua and Albert Rosette at last year's Blue Tie Ball.

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Nevada Alumni Council

During the Annual Homecoming meeting on Friday, Oct. 8, the Nevada Alumni Council unanimously approved a new slate of officers as well as five new board members (*see photos below*).

This year Julie Rowe '94, will lead the 27-member advisory board for the Nevada Alumni Association as members help with student recruitment, membership initiatives and chapter development.



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4 Questions With

Julie Rowe '94 Alumni Council President

What is one of your fondest memories when looking back at your time on campus?

I have so many amazing memories from my days on campus that it is truly difficult to single out one experience. However, I'd have to say the most fateful night of my life was when I agreed to a last minute set-up for a Sigma Nu dance. I met my husband, Coby, for the first time that evening. It was the only blind date I ever went on, but 18 years later I am extremely grateful to our friends for introducing us! Second to that would be my final project in the broadcast journalism sequence. I did a tribute to Dr. Seuss where I had local dignitaries and University officials read lines from *Green Eggs and Ham*. I spent an entire night in an edit bay with my project partner working on it. My professor, the late Travis Linn, loved it! I respected him immensely, so watching him laugh as he viewed my story was incredibly rewarding.

As a student at Nevada, you were a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. What impact do you feel being a part of the Greek system had on you personally and professionally?

As a member of Pi Phi, I learned what it meant to be a true leader. I held various leadership positions during my time in the house, and had to answer to our alumni, as well as to our nationals. Personal accountability and responsibility were something

we all had to live up to, not to mention the academic standards we were held to in order to stay active in the house. I believe this experience really helped me learn to manage my time and balance work and life. I grew up more in those four years than I could have ever imagined when I made the decision to pledge. Being a part of the Greek system definitely impacted my professional life, as well. The connections I made while attending the University led me to job opportunities, to amazing mentors and helped build a foundation for new business development.

Recently you and your business partner started a new company, The Impetus Agency. What has been the most exciting part of this endeavour?

I am fortunate to have a business partner, Tierra Bonaldi, who is my perfect complement, and who continues to push me to think outside the box and stay ahead of trends and new technology in our ever-changing industry. I am equally as blessed to have amazing and talented employees (all Nevada grads I might add!) that make this new endeavor such an exciting experience! We have an incredible blend of local and national clients that makes each day unique and challenging. Launching this company with a fresh approach to marketing, coupled with our team's enthusiasm and dedication to achieving our clients' goals, makes this truly one of

the most rewarding experiences in my professional life to date.

What do you hope to accomplish as the next Nevada Alumni Council President?

This is such an exciting time at the University on many levels. I'd love to see more high school graduates across the state making Nevada their top choice. This past fall we had the largest class of freshmen on record despite tuition increases and state budget cuts—to me that speaks volumes about what our University has to offer. Additionally, I'd love to see our Alumni Association grow. Again, I believe there are many alumni out there that haven't been on campus in years, and maybe want to give back but don't know how to do so. I invite our alumni to come to an event on campus or simply make a visit—a lot has changed over the past few years! The stronger our organization is, the more support and scholarship dollars we can offer to students. Now more than ever, it is time for our alumni to re-engage and give back whether it's simply becoming a mentor to a student, becoming a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association, attending Homecoming events or helping identify potential future Nevada students. There's strength in numbers and a strong Alumni Association will play an integral role in the continued success of our great University.



Jack Sutton '70



Felicia O'Carroll '76



Randy Snow '76



Cheryl Hug-English '78



Dennis G. Eckmeyer '83



Julie Ardito '89

'50s

John B. Harris '54 (art) was awarded the FAA designation level of The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award at Monterey Bay Aviation on Sept. 25. This award recognized John for his more than 50 years of continuous safe aircraft operations in flying, his neurosurgical pioneering work during a time when evacuation for Tahoe extreme trauma and brain surgery was non-existent, and for X-ray facsimile transmission and/or telemedicine in all sorts of weather conveying X-rays, tissue, blood and plasma.

'60s

Karen (Bradbury) Mak '65 (nursing) recently retired from the State of Hawaii Department of Health. Karen was the director of the federal- and state-funded family planning clinics for the state of Hawaii. In addition to working in Hawaii, Karen held positions in Alaska, California, Nevada and Washington D.C.

'70s

Jack Sutton '70 (zoology) was inducted into the Nevada Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame on Aug. 28 in Las Vegas for his 32 years of journalism achievements in Nevada.

Joyce (Adams) Newman '73 (geology) owns the personal property appraisal firm, Newman Appraisal Services. She is the only certified personal property appraiser in Nevada. Her company specializes in the appraisal of fine art and antiques for estates, insurance acquisition, divorce property settlements and property damage claims.

Michael A. Patmas '75 (biology), '77M.S. (biology), '81M.D. (medicine) has joined Woodland Healthcare in California as chief medical officer. He is responsible for the integration of all clinical processes and staff. Michael is a certified physician executive and fellow of the American College of Physician Executives and was formerly chief executive officer at St. Alphonsus Medical Group in Boise, Idaho.

Felicia O'Carroll '76 (accounting), a shareholder with the Certified Public Accounting firm of Kafoury, Armstrong & Co., has been named president of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy.

Randy Snow '76 (journalism) currently manages R&R's strategic planning for clients, who span a range of industries—from energy and utilities to natural resource conservation and compliance to public transit and healthcare. In this capacity, he manages research teams across all six offices and manages R&R's Brand Integration Group process, which produces top-line creative problem-solving for clients.

Cheryl Hug-English '78 (biology), '82M.D. has been named interim dean of the University of Nevada School of Medicine. A 1982 graduate of UNSOM who went on to earn a master's in public health from UCLA, Cheryl most recently served as a clinical faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine and medical director of the University's Student Health Center.

'80s

Dennis G. Eckmeyer '83 (industrial mech) has been named a member of the 2010 Executive Council of New York Life Insurance Company. Members of the executive council are among the most successful of New York Life's elite sales force of more than 11,000 licensed agents.

Samuel D. Palmer '83 (geological engineering) has been appointed to the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors for the state of Nevada. Samuel is an executive vice president and the Western Operating Group manager for Terracon. He has more than 27 years of experience in environmental, geotechnical and construction materials engineering and testing (CMET) services. He is the first geotechnical/CMET engineer who has ever been selected in the board's history.

John Klippenstein '85 (plant science) started a new career as director of operations at Sparks Christian Fellowship. John's son, J.D., graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Nevada, Reno in May 2010 and was married in July 2010. His second son graduated from Wooster High School in June.

Colette Rausch '86 (journalism) has been named director for the Rule of Law Center of Innovation, which is part of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP). Colette has been part of USIP's Rule of Law program for eight years.

Julie Ardito '89 (journalism), principal of Julie Ardito Public Relations, became an accredited public relations practitioner (APR), earning the professional designation after

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Nevada Alumni Association What is your favorite dorm memory?



Davida Wright Galvin '90 (journalism) Centennial, Colo. It was the '80s and Dallas fans gathered in the common room to watch Dallas and the Dynasty fans gather to watch their show. Good times.



Brandi Stankovic Rice '01 (finance) Henderson, Nev. Painting our walls in Nye Hall, room 311, with laundry detergent ... so our creation would show with a black light. BTW, black lights were really cool back then ('97). :-)



Linda Shoemaker '65 (music education) Huntington, NY. In the early '60s when White Pine Hall was a women's dorm ... using the urinals to grow house plants. It was very easy to water them, just flush.



Robyn Campbell Ouchida '93 (journalism) Henderson, Nev. Not a favorite memory, but why did the fire alarm always go off in the winter in the middle of the night???



Sara Bunting Ambrose '05 (speech pathology) Spokane, Wash. Manzanita in August ... 103 degrees with ice packs tied to our heads to try to keep cool.



Allison Bernhardt Haskill '96 (speech pathology) Rock Island, Ill. Meeting my future husband on the international floor of Nye Hall!



Douglas G Adams '89 (criminal justice), '92 (social work) Fernley, Nev. Room 703 in Nye Hall from 1983–1984! Adjusting to living with a total opposite as a roommate! The Dining Commons! Oh yeah, getting a parking ticket for parking my car underneath the Nye Hall basketball hoop during a snow storm!



Sarah Dickens LeMay '90 (biology) Boise, Ida. Spring semester 1986, the Truckee River overflowed and the foothills were flooding the campus—a river ran through it. A bunch of us stuck on campus went over to the armory to help fill sandbags and deliver them around town.



William King '00 (mathematics) Burbank, Calif. December 1997. Seven of us from Lincoln Hall snuck into Manzanita Hall at 4 a.m. and put Saran Wrap on the toilet seats. LOL



John Vicari '83 (physical education) Saint Clair Shores, Mich. Playing basketball in the parking lot of Nye Hall with Juan Seldon and other football players, listening to Marvin Gaye, who, just a couple of months later was shot to death by his dad. Sad!



Laurel Busch '74 (journalism) Reno. Nye Hall, my freshman year, 1970. The first time it snowed, people hollering during the night woke me up. I looked out the window and saw a winter wonderland and students having a snowball fight in the parking lot. Coming from southern Nevada, I'd never seen it snow before.



Ken Caraska '99 (management) Auburn, Calif. 1994—Rolling a 16 lb. bowling ball down the cement halls/walkways of White Pine late at night. It created a deep rolling rumble through the entire building. Once a week for an entire semester.



Amy DeVaul '93 (English) Henderson, Nev. Waking up in Nye Hall with Barrel Sludge all over my clothes ...



Lara Biddinger '91 (criminal justice) Reno. Hiding a microwave from the Res ... and of course all of the great friendships. Manzanita 3rd floor, 1987–1991.



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Randy Gener '92

successfully passing the accreditation exam. In order to earn the APR, a public relations professional must have at least five years professional experience, complete an application, appear before a readiness review panel of accredited professionals and pass an intensive multiple choice exam.

Erin (Hammond) Hartshorn '89 (biochemistry) runs a freelance business, copy editing and indexing (www.wellchosenword.com) and writes fiction on the side (www.erinhartshorn.com). She is married to Kevin Hartshorn, an associate professor in the math and computer science department at Moravian College. The couple has two children, Trevor (9) and Rowena (3).

Michael Detar '89 (philosophy), '89M.D. (medicine) has settled in Spokane, Wash.,

where he has been practicing medicine for 15 years, after completing his residency in anatomy/chemical pathology.

Stella (Horton) Hayes '89 (biology), '93M.D. (medicine) is excited to start a one-year fellowship in geriatrics at East Carolina University.

'90s

Jef Bauer '90 (journalism) will oversee day-to-day operations of the 437-room hotel at MontBleu Resort Casino & Spa in Stateline, Nev. He is currently the vice president of a Colorado-based Golden Casino Group. He got his start in northern Nevada in the sports book at Harrah's in Reno more than two decades ago. He was the executive director of marketing for the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Casino before he was hired in 2005 as

vice president and general manager.

Randy Gener '92 (general studies) a Nathan Award-winning writer, editor, drama critic and visual artist, won five prestigious media awards, including Journalist of the Year, in 2010. The National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association honored Randy with its Journalist of the Year Award, which recognizes the outstanding professional achievements as an LGBT journalist working in mainstream media. Randy beat out *The New York Times* to win the 2010 Deadline Club Award for Best Arts Reporting in New York area journalism; he won two travel media awards from the North American Travel Journalists Association; and he received an Evan Shipley Hook education grant from the Foundation of the American Theatre Critics Association.



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Jenifer (Olin) Balch Grace '94



Staci Emm '96

Jenifer (Olin) Balch Grace '94 (psychology) was recently named partner for Curran Tomko Tarski, practicing in the areas of commercial litigation, professional liability, and all aspects of post-judgment and appellate filings.

Juan M. Palma '94M.S. (resource management) was recently named the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's new state director for Utah. Juan took the oath of office and in his remarks put conventional and renewable energy development on public lands high on his agenda.

Staci Emm '96 (journalism), University of Nevada Cooperative Extension educator in Mineral County, Nev., recently accepted a prestigious award for their *People*

of the Land curriculum. The eight-chapter publication received a gold medal from the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals. The curriculum also was previously named a top winner in the National Association of County Agricultural Agents' Communications Awards Program.

Lauren Edwards Fletcher '95 (engineering physics) has earned a master's of science from Stanford University in the department of civil and environmental engineering. He is currently enrolled at Oxford University in England. He will be pursuing a doctorate in environmental engineering.

Aditi (Sen) Mitra '95 (mathematics), '99M.S. (resource and applied economics), was recently promoted to assistant professor

of mathematics at East Georgia College.

Aniruddha Mitra '95Ph.D. (mechanical engineering) works as an associate professor in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Department of Georgia Southern University. He also received his professional engineering (PE) license and currently serves as a NCEES's Mechanical PE committee's national-level member responsible for question-setting.

Andrea (Barengo) Pressler '97 (psychology) was recently honored in the 2010 Legal Elite by *Nevada Business Magazine* as one of northern Nevada's top 25 attorneys. She was also a recipient of the 2010 Twenty under 40 Award by the Young Professional Network and the *Reno Gazette-Journal*. Andrea is a



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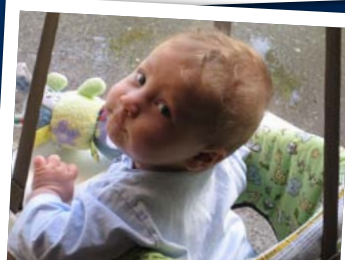
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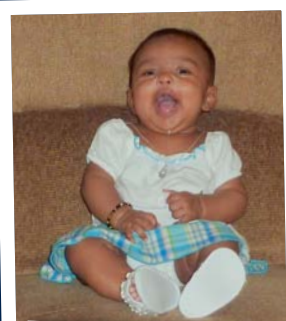
Wolfcubs



Mitchell Wolf '90M.D. and his wife, Carmen, are proud to announce the arrival of twin boys, Dylan and Gavin, on July 29, 2010. Mitchell is a family physician with the Diagnostic Center of Medicine in Las Vegas, and chairman of Family Practice at Desert Springs Hospital and Medical Center. Carmen is an attorney and loving her new role as mom!



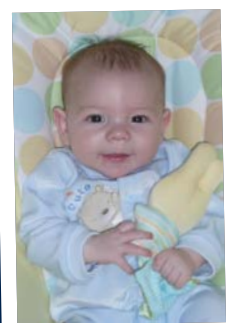
Erinne (O'Hara) Aboytes '92 (marketing) and her husband, Jim, would like to announce the birth of their son, Max Garrett, on Feb. 28, 2010.



Rupali Chaudhuri '98 (nutrition) and her husband, A. Ray Chaudhuri '99 (cellular and molecular biology), are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Rayna Anjali, on Jan. 8, 2010. She joins brother Arvin Rohit, 4. The family resides in New Orleans, La., where Rupali is pursuing her nurse practitioner degree.



David O'Mara '99 (political science) and his wife, Courtney, welcomed their first child, Lucy Lorraine, June 23, 2010.



Crystal (Harrison) Brokaw '01 (chemical engineering) and Tom Brokaw '01 (chemical engineering) are proud to announce the birth of their son Seth Charles born June 16, 2010. He joins big brother Brady.



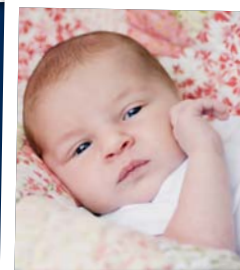
Jennifer (Richards) Mitchell '02 (elementary education) and Timothy Mitchell '10 (speech/communications) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Ann, born July 15, 2010. She joins big brother Barry, 2 1/2.



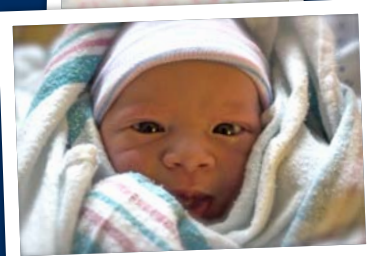
Mike McDowell '03 (journalism) and his wife, Stephanie, are proud to introduce their son, London Joseph, born Aug. 27, 2009.



Katie (Monson) Tramonte '04 (elementary education) and her husband, Val Tramonte '00 (health science), '04M.D., are pleased to introduce their son, Elijah Tre, born April 29, 2010.



Kerry (Colburn) Sutherland '07 (journalism/French) and her husband, John Sutherland '05 (biology), '10M.D., are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Lee, Sept. 8, 2010.



Jamie Schnell Blitstein '06 (English), '09 (nursing) and Adam Blitstein '05 (electrical engineering) would like to announce the birth of their son, Isaac James, Sept. 30, 2010.



Aaron Squires '02



Marc De La Torre '03



Eugenia (Kokunina) Larmore '03



Nick Dawson '05



Stephanie Berggren '06



Chris Chapman '07 and Maria Perez '06

shareholder/attorney at Erickson, Thorpe & Swainston, Ltd. in Reno, where she has practiced for the past six years.

'00s

Erin Looney '01 (philosophy) is co-founder, along with Scott Armstrong, for Dibbs, a company that developed an application for smart phones and all other internet-enabled devices, which allows the user to find out about all the events going on around them based on their GPS position. Dibbs recently unveiled the UNR Pulse, a widget within the Dibbs application that allows students, alumni, and faculty to be aware of every conceivable University event.

Aaron Squires '02 (finance) recently received his CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst designation), the gold standard for investment managers around the world. Aaron, an attorney (Nevada and California), CPA (California) and CFP, has successfully traded an investment strategy for Sanchez Wealth Management during 2010 and comprised an investment return of 24.97 percent year-to-date, outperforming the S&P 500 by almost 20 percent.

Brandon Towne '02 (marketing) has been promoted to portfolio manager for U.S. Bank Commercial Banking in Reno. Brandon volunteers his time with the 1st Tee of Northern Nevada, coaching the community youth on golf and life skills.

Marc De La Torre '03 (political science) has been named director of events and leadership for the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce, northern Nevada's largest business organization. Marc formerly served in a citizens' services role for the city of Sparks, where he was selected as Employee of the Year in 2008. He established and directed the Citizens Academy, planned a broad variety of events, supervised a team of 20 employees on the annual city survey and handled constituent service matters.

Eddie Demosthenes '03 (accounting) has been promoted to audit manager in the Reno office of Grant Thornton LLP. Eddie was previously a senior audit associate with

Grant Thornton. He specializes in audits of gaming properties and health, benefit and profit-sharing plans. Eddie has been with Grant Thornton for nearly six years. He is a certified public accountant in Nevada and is a member of the Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Eugenia (Kokunina) Larmore '03 (international business/marketing), '04MBA has formed Ekay Economic Consultants, Inc., a firm specializing in governmental economic and fiscal impact analyses, litigation support and gaming feasibility services. Eugenia is a nationally certified accredited valuation analyst (AVA), certified in management accounting (CMA) and certified forensic financial analyst (CFFA), specializing in financial litigation.

Catherine (Prudhomme) Fuller '03 (nursing) is currently in her second year as a nursing faculty member at Western Nevada College teaching the OB/new-born curriculum after receiving her master's in nursing

education from Walden University.

Katie Cavender '05 (journalism) has been promoted to director of New Media and Technology for the Mountain West Conference. Katie, now in her fourth year with the Mountain West, will continue to oversee all aspects of the Mountain West Conference website and serve as the primary media contact for swimming, diving and women's golf.

Nick Dawson '05 (journalism) was recently promoted to senior copywriter at The Glenn Group, a Nevada-based full-service marketing communications firm. Nick began working at The Glenn Group as a copywriting intern his senior year of college. As senior copywriter, Nick is responsible for providing creative ideas and concepts, producing radio and TV and writing for a variety of clients.

Michael Simpson '05 (journalism) has started doing stand-up comedy all over Las Vegas and has found a good amount of luck with it. He is currently working on a new website: www.mikesimpsoncomedy.com.

Stephanie Berggren '06 (accounting), senior associate at Muckel Anderson CPAs, has earned her Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Stephanie joined Muckel Anderson in 2006 and specializes in auditing and tax services for individuals, nonprofits and private companies in various industries. As a project manager, she ensures accurate and timely preparation and completion of client jobs.

Michael Bogen '07 (criminal justice) is pleased to announce his graduation from law school. He also passed the Florida Bar Exam and married Joanna Bean (engaged on the University Quad) at The Breakers in Palm Beach, Fla., on Dec. 28.

Colleen Checho '07Ph.D. (special education), has been named assistant professor in teacher education at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Chris Chapman '07 (philosophy), '09MA (philosophy) was injured in a tragic accident that left him as a C7 incomplete

Wolfcubs



Abigail and Tyler Miracle, children of Bobbi (Jones) Miracle '01 (marketing) and Jeff Miracle; Nolan Freeman, son of Whitney (Jacobs) Freeman '01 (marketing) and David Freeman '01 (biology), '06 M.D.; James Rice, son of Brandi Stankovic-Rice '01 (finance) and Jimmy Rice. Bobbi, Whitney and Brandi formed their lifelong friendship as members of Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity.



J. Matthew Martin '09MJS



Kickin' it with K-von | e-dating in the 21st century

Remember those ads people used to take out in the Sunday newspaper: "SWF seeking Antonio Banderas look-alike for

friendship/relationship." Sounded pretty weird back then, but with the help of the Internet they're back! Studies show more people are meeting online every year. I know some who won't even consider going on a date until they've done research on a person's Facebook profile. They call it "taking initiative" while I call it "cyber-stalking," but potato, puh-tah-toe.

If you're old-fashioned and "Just Say No" to e-dating, you may need to reconsider. With the help of technology you can take a look at a few photos, read about someone's interests, and even see what their friends are like before getting stuck sitting across from them at a coffee shop. Sites like eHarmony, Match, and PlentyOfFish have revolutionized the "shotgun approach." At a bar you might have two or three chances to mix it up with potential mates before you strike out, confidence shattered, and you've thoroughly embarrassed yourself. However,

online you can get shot down thousands of times from the comfort of your own home with no fear of public humiliation. That's right, no more wallowing in depression, just dust off your old keyboard and wade right back into that pond.

The only thing the Internet is lacking is an easy-to-use background-checking service. CARFAX can see a vehicle's whole history before you buy. We need something like that for potential dates. "Hmm, looks like you're mid-size, come with a spare tire . . . says here you have quite a bit of mileage, I see a few dings in your grill, and you've had some bodywork done. Oh, what's this. . .? I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to pass, you've been in one too many collisions . . . my goodness, what are you, a RENTAL!?!"

Perhaps the best thing about Internet dating is the search refinement functions. It's amazing how specific they get. Ladies, if you want to meet a 6-foot-3-inch man with chiseled abs who makes more than \$150,000, type it in (but be prepared to lower your standards).

Guys, if you're in your 20s but looking for a 60-year-old redhead with a body that just won't quit, just punch it in. The search menus are getting more detailed every day. The number of options for "Body Type" women have to choose from to describe themselves is astounding. One site allows

them to select "Skinny," "Athletic," "Curvy," "Big Boned," "Juicy," "More to Love," "Pleasantly Plump," "Chunky," "Hefty," "Livin' Large," or "OH HELL NO!!!"

The difficult part is building your own profile and actually being objective. You may think you look like Bradley Cooper, but others just see Alice Cooper. Have a friend write how they would describe you. Then go back and edit all the less complimentary things out. Always good to proofread.

Warning: Watch for people that only put their best picture online. The sites should implement a rule that you must upload your ugliest one as well so people can average your looks out. Alas, no such requirement exists. Finally, when you do take a picture keep it classy. All too often ladies are posed in a mini-skirt with a bottle of alcohol in their hand and then left wondering "Umm, like why isn't anyone giving me the respect I demand?" And gentleman, please don't take your own shirtless picture in the mirror from your cell phone, or the 60-year-old redhead just might not write you back. Good luck out there!

K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. Currently you can see him on MTV's hidden-camera prank show "Disaster Date." Visit youtube.com/KvonComedy now to see the clips.

quadriplegic. After six days in the ICU and 110 days at Renown Rehabilitation Hospital, he was discharged from the hospital on Sept. 1. Chris is engaged to **Maria Perez '06** (Spanish).

J. Matthew Martin '09MJS (trial judges) received a professional certificate in judicial development—general jurisdiction trial skills from the National Judicial College on Nov. 11.

Dominique R. Palladino '09B.F.A. (art) recently presented a series of conceptual sculptures, *Distilled*, as part of the Nevada Arts Council Office eXhibition Series. In *Distilled*, Dominique uses salt as a means to explore and depict growing ideas of division, loss and abandonment in relationship to hierarchical gender roles.

Victoria Rocha '09 (German/theatre/ international affairs) recently joined

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. Victoria immediately moved to Washington, D.C. after graduation for an internship through Sen. Harry Reid's office in the steering and outreach committee. During the internship, Victoria was present for a meeting on national service in relation to the April 21, 2009 signing by President Barack Obama of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. Attending the meeting was AmeriCorps NCCC director, Mikel

Wolf mates



Lori Ann (Canepa) Bomberger '95 (human development and family studies) and Gary Allen Bomberger were married Sept. 19, 2009 at Marilyn's Pond in Galena Creek. They honeymooned in California and make their home in Reno. Lori is the president of Divine Blinds of Reno and Gary is the lab manager for Black Eagle Consulting.



Matthew Brecke '08 (civil engineering) and Tracy (Trojan) Brecke '08 (business management) were married Aug. 28, 2010 at Wolf Run Golf Club in Reno.



Stephani (Foust) Price '01 (English), '08M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) married Matthew Price Aug. 28, 2010 at the Greenhorn Creek Dude Ranch in Quincy, Calif. The event included many Nevada alumni and current Nevada faculty and staff.



Sarah (Ragsdale) Mahoney '08 (health ecology) and Patrick Mahoney of Boston were married Aug. 6, 2010. The former ASUN president and her husband celebrated with more than 20 Nevada alumni and Mrs. N. Edd Miller.



Christina (Gillespie) White '04 (management) and David White were married in August in Hawaii. Christina obtained her master's degree in business management in 2006 and David graduated from dental school in 2003.



Brandyn Rada '05 (environmental/wildlife biology) married his college sweetheart, Katie (Revelino) Rada '06 (health ecology), Aug. 28, 2010 at the Peppermill Hotel in Reno. Brandyn is currently working in the field of alternative energy and Katie recently graduated with her doctorate in physical therapy.



Lindsey (Harmon) Niedzielski '06 (journalism), '10M.Ed. (secondary education) and Jason Niedzielski '08 (English) were married at Rancho San Rafael in Reno on July 31, 2010.



Amanda (Mullen) Stewart '06 (finance), '10MBA and Lucas Stewart '07 (accounting) were married June 26, 2010 at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Carson City. Amanda, a financial analyst, and Luke, an accountant, are both employed by International Game Technology in Reno.



Oscar Peralta '10



Steve Martarano '79 with Tamara Keith, a Washington, D.C., NPR reporter

Herrington, illustrating a program centered on community awareness and betterment through service, travel and education. Victoria turned down three jobs to dedicate 10 months to civil service.

'10s

Shauna Long '10 (elementary education) has been hired as a kindergarten teacher at McGill Elementary outside of Ely, Nev. She is currently teaching 15 kindergarteners and loving every minute.

Oscar Peralta '10 (philosophy/political science) is busy as a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Public Policy Fellow in Washington, D.C. The Public Policy Fellowships are designed to develop leadership

abilities and professional skills in public policy areas.

CORRECTION: In the fall issue, the woman in the above photo was incorrectly identified as Steve Martarano's wife. In fact, she is a Washington, D.C., *National Public Radio* reporter who worked with him while he was handling media relations for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Class Chat submissions are due February, 14, 2010. We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.

Reno-Tahoe Young Professionals and the RGJ honor 20 of the region's top young professionals under 40

This year's slate of "20 Under 40" talented leaders were honored at a reception at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa on Nov. 4. Among those honored were fellow University graduates: Marie Baxter '95 (elementary education), '00 M.Ed. (elementary education), Teresa Benitez-Thompson '01 (political science), Courtney Folgner '00 (Spanish), Paul Klein '03 (criminal justice), Andrea Pressler '97 (psychology), Luis Santoni '01 (management), Ty Windfeldt '01 (health science) and Marilyn York '96 (English).

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Chapter Updates



TOP: Alumni Band congregates in the rehearsal room during Homecoming 2010. BOTTOM: Alumni and friends of the Fallon Alumni Chapter get ready for the football rooter bus trip for the Nevada @ UNLV game.

Alumni Band

Kiara (Donohue) Wolf '92, '97M.Ed.,
unrbandalum@hotmail.com

The Alumni Band had an amazing turnout for the 30th anniversary of the return of the band. We had at least one member representing each year for 1969 and 1980-2009, including eight members of the 1980 band. We also had our first Alumni Band Color Guard in many years. No Jill boots for this group—just sparkles! Dr. Mack conducted the “Star Spangled Banner” and the San Jose State University fight song before the game. During halftime, the current WolfPack band performed “Veracruz”—the very first opener the 1980 band ever did. Then the Alumni Band joined in for perennial favorite, “Soul Man,” and we all closed with the finale from that first 1980 show: “Let it Be Me.”

There was plenty of reminiscing and laughter. It was a wonderful, magical weekend. For those who were there, thank you! For those who weren't, be there next year because we miss you!

College of Business Alumni Association

Jenny Boland '00, jboland@muckelanderson.com

The College of Business Alumni Association held its 1st inaugural Alumni Association Mixer Sept. 16 at The Grape & The Grain in Somerset Town Square. It was a great time for alumni and friends to connect. We hope to see you next year for the 2nd Annual Alumni Association Mixer. We'll advertise the event date, time and location on Facebook and LinkedIn, so be sure to join our groups and get connected.

The College of Business Alumni Association is pleased to announce the date of our 20th Annual COBAA Open Golf Tournament—Thursday, May 12 at Wolf Run Golf Club. This event features lunch, tee prizes, contests and a chance to win raffle items at our post-tournament cocktail reception. Last year's tournament was a great success. For sign-ups and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jane Bessette, faculty adviser at (775) 682-9144

or bessette@unr.edu. Don't hesitate—this tourney fills up fast!

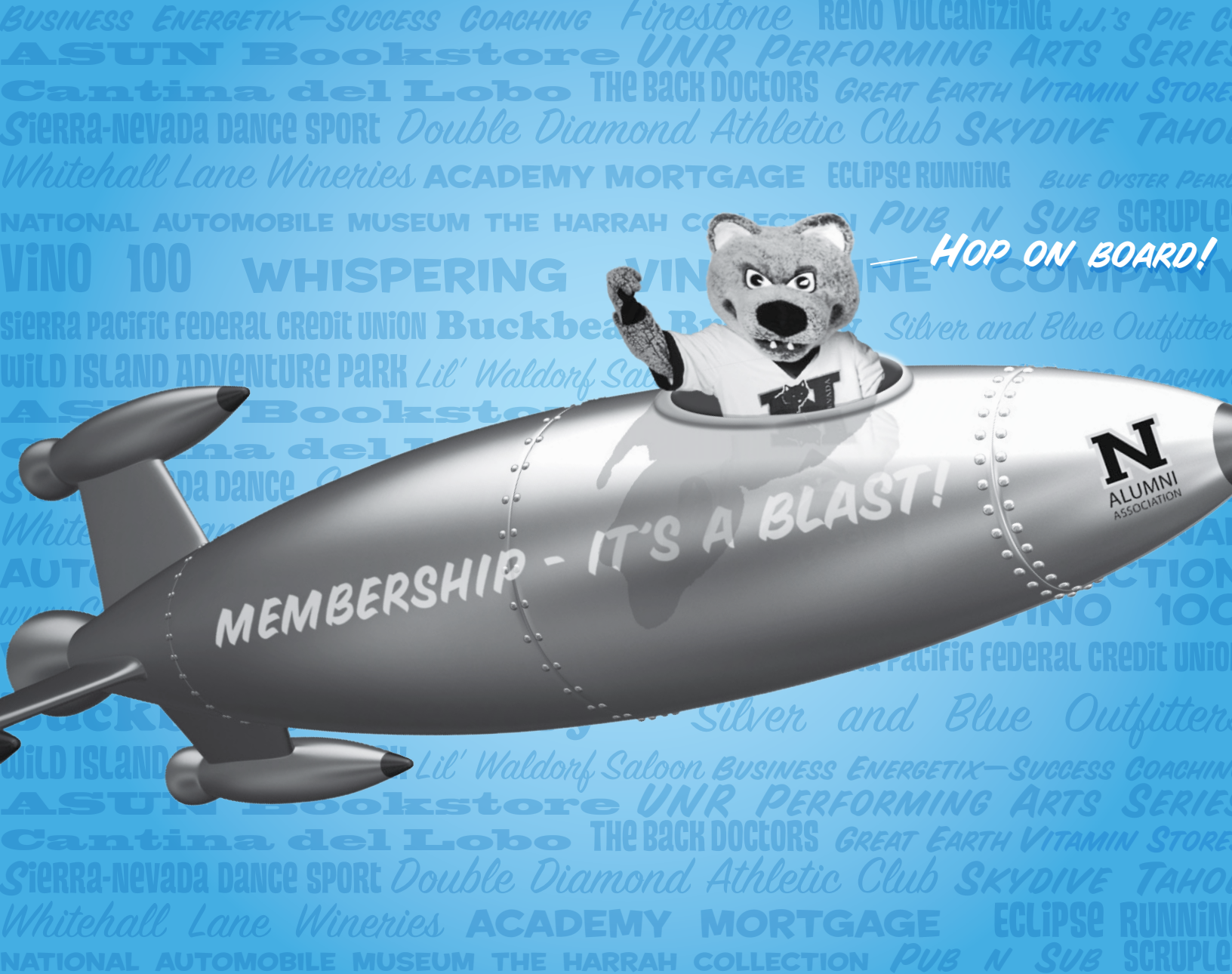
Fallon Alumni Chapter

Jim Dakin '74, '79M.Ed., jtdakin@sbcglobal.net

The football rooter bus to UNLV was a huge success! The bus held a wave of blue: excited Nevada fans, who cheered as the Pack fought to retain the Fremont Cannon. Thank you to Ernie '77 and Sheila (Austin) Pontius '75 and Colleen (Austin) Palludan '74, who did a terrific job organizing the trip, right down to those 50-yard line seats.

Our next event is a basketball rooter bus to the Nevada vs. Utah State game on Jan. 8. We also have a new activity in the works, Brews and Brats, which will be held in early summer. (Details to come.)

For additional information regarding upcoming events, visit www.unr.edu/alumni and click “Connect” to find the Fallon Chapter. Please bookmark the site for future reference.



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Honors Program Alumni Chapter

Tamara Valentine, tvalenti@unr.edu

The Honors Program Alumni Chapter and the new Honors Service Council present the inaugural Golfing to Give Benefit: Supporting Student Social Entrepreneurship. Mark your calendar for this fun and friendly four-player scramble format golf tournament on April 22 at Kiley Ranch in Sparks. Tickets are only \$50 and include greens fees, drink tokens, BBQ and prizes! Proceeds will support student-inspired community service projects that benefit area nonprofits. With your help, we can help honors students who want to help their community.

Stay tuned for online registration instructions and sponsorship information. To learn more, e-mail Alexandra Ellison in the Honors Program at awhited@unr.edu!

Native American Alumni Chapter

Sherry Rupert '05, srupert@nic.nv.gov

In the month of October, the Native American Alumni Chapter (NAAC) was busy with fundraising and events! The NAAC sponsored its annual homecoming tailgate on Oct. 9, providing food, games and networking opportunities to current and future members. On Oct. 29, the NAAC also sponsored a sold-out Halloween mystery bus trip. The trip included a "scary" ride to Virginia City. The bus stopped at J's Old Town Bistro in Dayton and the Virginia City Palace. The NAAC is currently seeking applicants for our annual scholarships. A \$500 scholarship is awarded each year to an incoming freshman and to a continuing University of



TOP: Members of the Wolf Pack's 1990 Football Team celebrate their return to Mackay Stadium prior to the Homecoming game. LEFT: Costume contest winners Tad Williams, Gina Williams, Christine Potts and Ed Twiss channel their inner rock stars during the NAAC Halloween Mystery Bus Trip. RIGHT: John Digrazia, president of the Nevada Dental Association; Coach David Carter; Alpie; Kevin Goles, University of Nevada predoctoral student; and Bob Talley, executive director of NDA, attend the Nevada Dental Society's monthly meeting on behalf of the Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter.



Nevada, Reno student. For more information about the scholarship, visit www.unr.edu/financial-aid.

Get involved and renew your membership! The chapter meets monthly at various locations. If you are interested in joining, please contact Kari Emm '01 at (775) 682-5928 or kemm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert '05 at (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov.

Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter

David White '99, davidwhitedds@yahoo.com

On Nov. 4, the Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter joined the Northern Nevada Dental Society for its monthly meeting. We were privileged to have Nevada men's basketball coach David Carter as

the featured guest. Alumni had the opportunity to network and mingle with Coach Carter throughout the evening. The Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter looks forward to future social events and featured guests throughout the upcoming year. For more information on how you can become involved, please e-mail Dr. David White at davidwhitedds@yahoo.com.

Nevada Football Alumni Chapter

Jim Farley '99, jfarley47@verizon.net

The Alumni Football Chapter welcomed back the 1990 football team at Homecoming this year to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the only University of Nevada football team to play



LEFT: Members of the Greek Alumni Chapter gather at The Wolf's Den during Homecoming. TOP RIGHT: Members of the Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter—Ann (Humphrey) Melcher '80, Danny Gonzales '90, '95MPA, '04Ph.D., Mike Brown '73, Jay Elquist '92 and Cindy (Ashworth) Elquist '92, '00M.S.—celebrate the Pack at Matties Bar & Grill in Elko. BOTTOM RIGHT: Thomas Fountain '73, Robert Clift, Linda Clift '74, Bonnie Mattson, Keith Mattson '67, Jan Brady '63, '88MBA and Tom Brady tour the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building Sept. 15.

for a National Championship. Homecoming events included a team dinner on Friday night at the Wal', a speech by Coach Ault and a pregame introduction on the field. Football alumni interested in renewing membership, joining us at our annual golf tournament/reunion next June, or just contacting old teammates should visit our new social website at www.nevadagalumnifootball.com or contact our chapter's president, Jim Farley, at jfarley47@verizon.net. Go Pack!

Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter

Mike McDowell '03, mdmcdowell@gmail.com

The Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter is growing quickly in only our first year of existence. Homecoming brought together Greeks from many eras as we watched the Wolf Pack football team continue its winning streak. Keep an eye open in early 2011 for the Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter's "Just Desserts" event, with all proceeds benefiting undergraduate scholarships. If you haven't joined already, sign up for the chapter at NevadaGreekAlumni.com for only \$20 for an entire year. You can also find us on Facebook. What are you waiting for? It's time to go Greek ... again!

Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter

Danny Gonzales '90, '95M.P.A., '04Ph.D., wolfpackelko@yahoo.com

The Northeastern Nevada Alumni Chapter kicked off its membership drive by hosting a Wolf Pack vs. Fresno State football party at Mattie's Bar & Grill in Elko. The below-freezing temperatures outside did not affect the lively crowd inside, as we cheered on the football team to another WolfPack victory. (What a game!!!) Newly elected regent Kevin Melcher '79, '81M.S. and his wife Ann (Humphrey) Melcher '80 were on hand to meet local Wolf Pack alumni and supporters. Food and drink specials, along with prize drawings, kept fans occupied throughout the evening.

Future events are being planned for the spring. For additional information, please contact Danny Gonzales at wolfpackelko@yahoo.com or (775) 397-2418.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Michelle Kling '94, orvis_alumni@hotmail.com

OSNAA members and guests had a special treat on Sept. 15—a hard-hat tour of the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building. This state-of-the-art building will provide a place for students, faculty and staff in medicine and nursing to work, study and train together upon its completion in summer 2011.

This fall, we awarded our second annual OSNAA scholarship to Jim Fletcher, a senior nursing student. Jim, a Galena High School graduate (GPA of 4.06!), majored in biochemistry for two years before entering the Orvis School of Nursing with a 3.95 GPA. Upon graduation, he would like to work in cardiac intensive care or telemetry. Congratulations to Jim and OSNAA supporters whose generosity made the scholarship possible.

Our membership drive was very successful—we now have more than 160 members! To become part of this fun and dynamic group, visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect and click on "Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association."

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, spark@ccareynkf.com

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter is in full recruitment mode! We are seeking recent graduates who now live in the greater Sacramento area, as well those who graduated years ago. Should you have interest in attending our monthly lunch meeting or the various events we host throughout the year, please get in touch!

We'd like to recognize Steve Martarano, '79 (journalism), who was the recipient of a University Service Award from the Nevada

Alumni Association. He was honored during the Homecoming Gala and halftime of the Homecoming football game!

Our Annual Mystery Bus Trip will take place Saturday, Jan. 29. By far this is the best event the chapter holds. You won't want to miss this year's undisclosed "mystery" location!

The chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon. For further information including this month's meeting location, please contact chapter president Steve Park at (916) 367-6345 or spark@ccareynkf.com.

UNSOM Alumni Chapter

Dr. Helen Gray '03, '08M.D., hgray@medicine.nevada.edu

The chapter held an event on Oct. 6 at the new Clinical Simulation Center in Las Vegas. Alumni had the opportunity to tour the facility and interact with faculty and students. In Reno the following evening, our group was honored as Chapter of the Year by the Nevada Alumni Association during the Homecoming Gala! We feel very honored and appreciative of the award. We are continuing with expansion of our membership and invite all current and previous medical students, faculty and UNSOM residents to join the chapter as we put forth even more exciting programming.

Young Alumni Chapter

Lea Jensen '05, yacpresident@gmail.com

The Young Alumni Chapter had a great Homecoming week, including our Homecoming mixer at Scruples, where we welcomed several new faces to our group. Our fall events calendar was rounded out with our annual mystery bus trip in November and a fun-filled holiday dinner in December. We are now gearing up for our biggest event and fundraiser—Beer Fest 2011!

Membership is open to those who have graduated from the University in the last 10 years and we are always excited to welcome fresh faces. Visit us on Facebook or at Nevadayac.com for our schedule of current events and meetings.

Gatherings



2010 Homecoming Weekend

The Nevada Wolf Pack defeats the San Jose State Spartans on Oct. 9th.

(1) Nevada Cheer: "N-E-V-A-D-A!"

(2) Nevada Alumni Association award recipients Jackie Ferek '95, Bill Doherty '80, '87MBA, '00Ph.D., David White and Paul Klein '03.

(3) President Milton Glick congratulates award recipients Ernie Maupin '68, Terry Oliver '71, Sheila Linn '66, '91M.Ed. and Steve Martarano '79.

(4) 2010 Nevada Alumni Association Award Recipients are recognized on the field during half-time.



Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas



2010 Homecoming Bonfire

More than 800 students and alumni enjoyed carnival games, free food, bounce houses and face painters as they celebrated in front of the 50-foot, towering bonfire on Oct. 8.

(5) TOP: Mitch Laycox, Kevin Langely, Tyler Haller. BOTTOM: Keely Regan, Alyce Rounds and Deanna Vincent

(6) Kevin '97 Tami '99 with kids Lauren, Brendon and Madison.

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Gatherings



2010 Homecoming Gala

The 2010 Homecoming Gala was held on Oct. 7 in the Joe Crowley Student Union. The event honored 27 Nevada Alumni Association Award recipients.

- (1) Tommy '74, Bonnie '73, Tom, Sally, Frank '77, Tana, Mike and Regent Dorothy Gallagher '47.
- (2) Maureen Gibson O'Bamnon, Maisie Ronnow '51, Fred Gibson '51, 2010 Alumni of the Year, and Megan Gibson.
- (3) Terry Hinners, Terry Oliver, Diane Ranson, Tom Taelour, David Brandson and Denise Callen.

Alumni Scholarship Reception

On Oct. 5 the Nevada Alumni Association and its chapters honored more than 40 students with over \$70,000 in financial aid at the annual Scholarship Reception.

- (4) FRONT ROW: Charley Kauhahao, Keely Thoreson, Julie Mauer, Christina Fagundes, Shanlee Meyers. SECOND ROW: Amy Carothers '01M.A., Amy Vigen, Jeanetter Drisdale, Aaron Van Sickle, Clarice Charlie, Lauren Thomas, and Mary Harmon. BACK ROW: Provost Marc Johnson, Ali Witteman, Matthew Bain, Maria Claro Gomez, Amy Nygren, James Fletcher and David Velez Jr.

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Pregame Parties

Last fall, the Nevada Alumni Association coordinated seven pregame parties at our new location inside Legacy Hall. Alumni and fans gathered for food and fun two hours prior to each home game. Special thanks to home pregame sponsors Buckbean and Sierra Pacific Federal Credit Union. And thanks especially to the Nevada Wolf Pack for making this football season one to remember!

- (1) Janet Sexton (on right) with SuperAlphie.
- (2) Delores Clewe, Press Clewe '73, Mary Kay Cahill '65, '88M.Ed. and Carl Cahill '65, '72M.S.
- (3) Nick Kylick, Jonny Manley, Joe Salas, Ben Alexander and Bob Aguilar '10.
- (4) Rebecca Pennell, Dale Herkal with Annie Willoughby of the Nevada Cheer Squad.

Old Guy's Night

On Oct. 8 the Young Alumni Chapter held "Old Guy's Night" at Amendment 21 immediately following the bonfire. Hundreds of Nevada grads turned out to celebrate the good "old" days.

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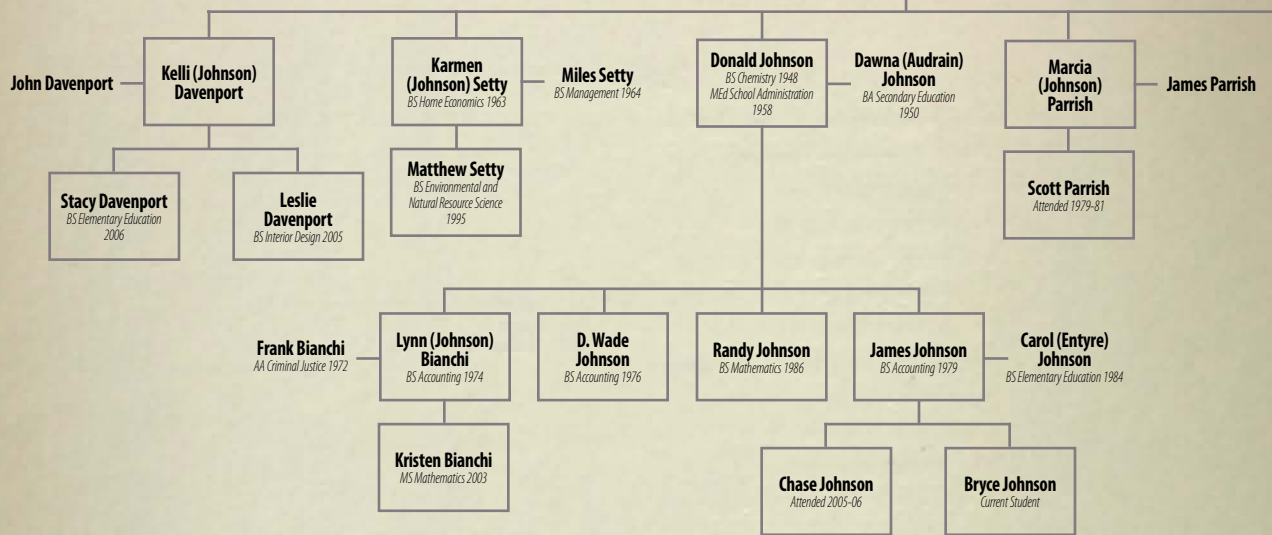
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- (5) Derek Zielinski '05, Lea Jensen '05, Monika Mala '08, Farhad Ahmadzai '07 and Nathan LaBrosse '07.
- (6) Kevin Key '98, Leslie Nady '99, Jake Nady, and Marianne Anthony.
- (7) Natalie Sanchez, Michelle McArdle, Trisha Elloyan '04, and Nicole Sherman.

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Clarence and Ruth Johnson Family Tree



Mark Johnson graduation day on the quad, 1985.

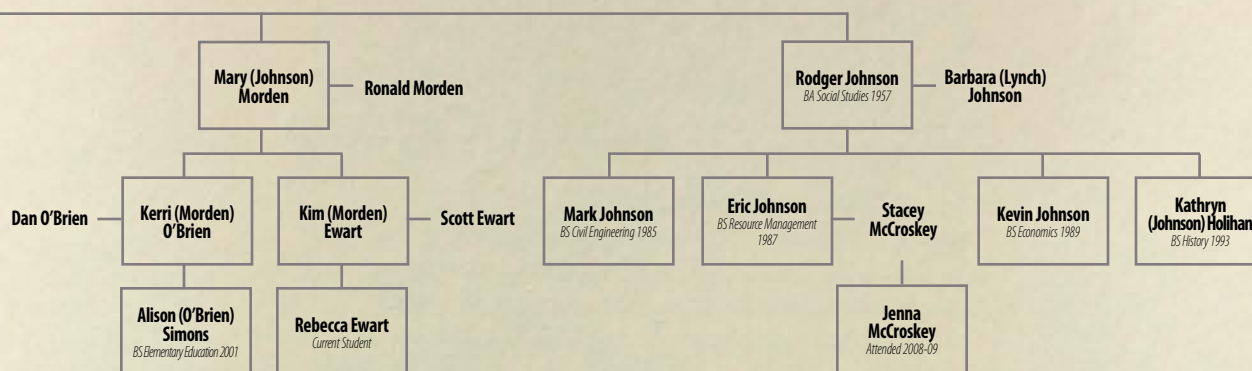


Donald Johnson (center) with the family in front of Lincoln Hall. FAR RIGHT: Future graduates, Rodger Johnson, 1957 and Karmen (Johnson) Setty, 1963.



Donald Johnson graduates, 1948.





STANDING: Kevin Johnson, Eric Johnson, Mark Johnson, Kathryn Johnson Holihan, Carol Etnyre Johnson, Chase Johnson, Bryce Johnson, Jim Johnson, Randy Johnson, Matt Setty, Becca Ewart, Alison O'Brien Simmons. SEATED: Rodger Johnson, Don Johnson, Dawna Audrain Johnson, Karmen Johnson Setty, Leslie Davenport and Stacy Davenport.



Family founders, Ruth and Clarence Johnson.

The local farm that raised Nevada alumni.

The Johnson family farm was a lifelong dream of husband Clarence and wife Ruth. Moving to Nevada in 1941, they worked hard, saved and were able to realize that dream in 1948 when they purchased 40 acres just west of Fallon. The family quickly settled into the northern Nevada lifestyle. Clarence continued his teaching career which spanned 42 years. Beyond the lessons given in the classroom, the Johnsons were best at teaching their own family about the love of learning. As a result, 24 family members have enrolled at the University, with two as current students. Talk about a bumper crop.

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in the next issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit www.unr.edu/alumni or call 888.NV ALUMS.





Patricia "Pat" Fladager



Dorothy Gillemot



Dr. Phil Goodman



Paul McReynolds



James Roberts

Remembering Friends

Patricia "Pat" Fladager, former emerita employee, died Oct. 26, 2010. Born in Tenstrike, Minn. March 9, 1921, Pat graduated from the Northern Business College in 1940. In 1945, Pat moved to Reno. In 1953, Pat went to work at the Reno Police Department. She was promoted to secretary to the chief. Later she became a sworn officer and the fourth policewoman hired by the city of Reno. After which, Pat went to work at the University of Nevada in student affairs. For more than 20 years she met thousands of students and influenced their lives. Pat called that work "the best career anyone ever had."

She served on several boards and commissions including the Elderport Board, Common Cause, and she was the first University classified employee chosen to sit on the Human Relations Committee. She was recognized at the University's Honors Convocation with the Thornton Peace Award. Pat was long involved with the Retired Public Employees of Nevada and served in many capacities. Several years ago RPEN renamed its most prestigious award "The Pat Fladager Special Recognition Award."

Pat is preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Ethel; son, Richard; and husband, Rudy. She is survived by her numerous friends and the thousands of young people she touched in her career.

Dorothy Gillemot, friend, died Oct. 13, 2010 at the age of 83, following a long battle with Alzheimer's. Born in Midland Park, N.J., to Earl and Alice Wellman, Dorothy married George Gillemot on Valentine's Day 1947. As her children matured, she became employed at the Hughes Aircraft Company in Culver City, Calif., quickly rising to the position of executive secretary. In this position she became privy to many of the activities of Howard Hughes. In later years Dorothy became a helpmate in George's business ventures: GFC Engineering, Communication Technology Corp., and others. She and George retired to Lake Tahoe in 1982. By 2000 they moved to Washoe Valley, allowing them to raise Red Angus cattle. Dorothy was instrumental in seeing that generous donations were made to the University, the Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada, as well as to others in need. Along with her generosity, she was noted all of her life as having, a "heart capturing" smile.

She leaves behind George, her husband of 63 years; as well as a stepdaughter, Tiers Ann; two sons, Philip and John; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dr. Phil Goodman, professor of internal medicine, died unexpectedly Aug. 18, 2010 from a heart attack. He was 55. He was born in Chicago, Ill. Dec. 24, 1954 to Leonard and Sydelle Goodman.

He graduated from the University of California, Irvine with a bachelor's in biology and physics. He attended medical school and completed his internal medicine residency there, as well.

In 1983, he began his long career as a researcher and teacher with the University of Nevada School of Medicine. He completed his master's in statistics from University of Michigan School of Public Health in 1988. As a Robert Wood Johnson fellow, he served as a health policy adviser in the U.S. Senate in 1989. He was appointed to a full professorship at the University in 1995. He completed a fellowship in neuroscience at the Institute for Neuroinformatics at UZ/ETH, Zurich, Switzerland in 1997. His research over the years was primarily concerned with illuminating the neuronal basis for human cognition.

His marriage to Nancy Brick in 1982 marked the beginning of a long and loving partnership. Their two daughters, Sara and Anne, were the center of their world.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughters, Sara and Anne; mother, Sydelle; sisters, Lauri (Robert), Jeri (Mike) and Susy (Tom); father-in-law, Isidore; sister-in-law, Marilyn (Kyle); as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to Phillip H. Goodman Memorial, University on Nevada School of Medicine, Mail Stop 0503, Reno, NV 89557.

Paul McReynolds, professor of psychology emeritus, passed away Dec. 4, 2010. He left a significant legacy of achievements as a teacher and a scholar in his 91 years of living.

Paul was born on June 18, 1919 in rural Adrian, Mo. He earned his Ph. D. in clinical and personality psychology at Stanford in 1949. He taught at both Stanford and the University of California, Berkeley before beginning his post at Nevada in 1969, where he helped establish an excellent doctoral program in clinical psychology, which remains as one of the most highly regarded programs in the country.

At Nevada, he enjoyed teaching classes on personality theory and assessment, motivation, history and systems of psychology, behavior disorders and psychotherapy. A prolific scholar, by the time he retired, he had published more than 100 papers, edited a series of books, and authored the book *Lightner Witmer: His Life and Times*. He was named a University of Nevada, Reno Outstanding Researcher in 1987 and received the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1994.

The family requests that donations go to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, McReynolds Endowment Fund, Mail Stop 0162, Reno, NV 89557, to support the research of graduate students in the Clinical Psychology Program.

James Roberts, political science professor emeritus, died Nov. 3, 2010 of complications following a heart attack. James was born in Detroit, Mich. on Sept. 17, 1924 to Jean and Ruth Roberts. He served as a private in the U.S. Army during World War II. He completed his education at Harvard College, obtaining his bachelor's in political science in 1947, and at the University of North Carolina, earning his doctorate in 1955.

James taught at the University of Nevada, beginning in 1956.

James retired from Nevada in 1986 and was involved in numerous civic clubs and organizations. In 2003, he became a published fiction author with the publication of the *Bois Blanc Island Affair*, a novel set on the island where he had spent many of his childhood summers.

James is survived by his wife, Anne, his son Eric (Lauren), son Mark (Eileen), daughter, Wendy (Dan) and grandchildren, Ben, Matthew, Katherine, Nathaniel, Christopher and Delaney. He is also survived by his brother Eric Boyd (Pat), sister-in-law, Ruth, three nieces and three nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother Charles.

A memorial scholarship in James' name is being created at the University for political science and public administration students. Donations may be made to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation with a notation "In memory of James S. Roberts," and sent to the Foundation, Mail Stop 0162, Reno, NV 89557.

Sybil F. Abbott '40 (foreign affairs), died Nov. 1, 2010 at age 91. Sybil was born in Montana in 1918, and moved to Reno at a young age with her parents, Sylvia and Nicholas Furchner. A resident of Reno for 78 years, Sybil dedicated her life to teaching after graduating from the University. She served as a teacher for 47 years.

Sybil was a member of various organizations throughout her lifetime including Phi Beta Gamma, the Washoe County Teachers' Association, Nevada State Education Association, National Council for Social Studies, Daughters of the Nile, International Visitors Council of Reno and the American Association of University Women. Sybil was instrumental in getting world history reinstated into the nation's high schools after not being taught for 25 years. In 1980, Sybil received the National Council's Outstanding Service Award for Social Studies.

Sybil is survived by her sister, Patricia; brother Ted; and three generations of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Sylvia and Nicholas, brother, Don, and husband, Richard. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, College of Education Scholarship Fund, Mail Stop 0162, Reno, NV 89557.

Myneer Walker '41 (geology) died Aug. 15, 2010 at the age of 91. Myneer and twin brother Mead, were born on June 10, 1919 to Herbert G. and Isabel Walker. Myneer was a lifelong Reno resident. While a student at the University, he was a member of the SAE Fraternity. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and married his wife of 68 years, Mary Prida. He served in combat in the Aleutian Islands as a B-25 Bomber Pilot from December 1941 to February 1943. After returning from military service, Myneer became a well-liked and successful businessman in downtown Reno, owning the Flying-A Service Station with his friend Jim Melarkey.



Sybil F. Abbott '40



Myneer Walker '41



Marsha Frankovich
Deming '64



Carol Elizabeth Bruno '68



Edwina Miller '69



Madison Bayles
"Maddy" Graves '72



Jennifer Hornberger
Jones '00

Myneer served as president of the University of Nevada Alumni Association from 1957-1958. He was a very dedicated supporter of athletics at Nevada. Myneer is preceded in death by his parents; twin brother, Mead; and daughter Andree Jo. He is survived by wife, Mary daughter Cheryl (Joe) son, Myneer (Heidi), and his grandchildren, Kristin (Henry), Mini (Dan), J.K. (Jaimie), Mitch (Bridget) and Matt; great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Jakob, Kelsey, Josh, Alex, Kate, J.D., Tommy, Tanner, Luke, Macey and Molly; and a huge number of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wolf Pack Men's Baseball Dugout Club in honor of Myneer Walker: C/O Gary Powers, University of Nevada, Reno, Legacy Hall, Mail Stop 0232, Reno, NV 89557.

Marsha Frankovich Deming '64

(economics), Foundation trustee emerita, passed away at her Reno home on Dec. 11, 2010 surrounded by three generations of her family. Widely remembered for her generosity, warmth, and sense of humor, Marsha was a proud Nevadan who dedicated much of her life to making the Silver State a better place.

Born in 1942 to Lee and Dorothy Frankovich in Bakersfield, Calif., Marsha later moved to Elko in 1945 and then to Reno at the age of 12. Marsha graduated from Reno High School in 1960, attended the University of California, Davis for two years, and then the University of Nevada, Reno. While at Nevada, Marsha served as student body vice president and as an officer of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Following college, Marsha dedicated her efforts to raising four children and to expanding her community service in the Reno area. She served as President of the Reno Service (Junior) League; was instrumental in the Junior League's acquisition and opening of Arlington Gardens; was nominated by three Nevada governors to a position on the Commission on Judicial Selection where she served 20 years; served six years on the University's Foundation Board of Trustees; served on the Washoe County Mental Health Advisory Board; and sat on the Board of Directors of the Leonette Foundation. She was recognized as the Nevada Women's Fund's Woman of the Year in 1986. Marsha also had a successful residential real estate career, first with Lucini & Associates and then with Dickson Realty.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marsha's memory to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, Mail Stop 0162, Reno, NV 89557.

Carol Elizabeth Bruno '68 (elementary education) died Oct. 31, 2010, after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. She was born Nov. 5, 1946 to Mary Elizabeth and Grover Whitby DeLaMare. Carol was an active member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority at Nevada. After graduation, she taught elementary school in Battle Mountain, Nev. and Zephyr Cove, Nev. before becoming a preschool teacher at the Tahoe

Douglas Christian Preschool.

Carol is survived by her husband of 40 years, Frank, and their two children, Maria and Rocco; and her sister, Mary (Tom). Surviving nephews and nieces include Richie and Jon, Heather, Charise, Salvatore, and Eddie.

Edwina W. Miller '69M.A. (elementary education) passed away Oct. 22, 2010. She is remembered in the Reno community both as the wife of N. Edd Miller, former president of the University of Nevada, Reno, and for her own community, educational, and charitable activities. Edwina was born in Conroe, Texas, on Aug. 7, 1922, the daughter of Thomas Isaac Whitaker and Ella Wyche Whitaker.

She married N. Edd Miller on Aug. 30, 1942. Continuing her commitment to education, Edwina donated her body to the University of Nevada School of Medicine, which was founded through her husband's leadership during his tenure as president.

Edwina is survived by her beloved brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Velma Whitaker, of Houston, Texas, and their children and grandchildren; her daughter, Cathy Berkley (Robert Barnes) of Santa Fe, New Mexico; her son, Kenn Miller (Hwei-li Miller) of San Gabriel, Calif.; her grandsons, David Berkley (Lynn), Michael Berkley (Evelyn), and William Miller; granddaughter, Suling Miller; and her great-grandchildren, Tom, Maggie, Dustin and Hazel.

The family asks that donations be made to the N. Edd and Nena Miller ASUN Leadership Award Endowment (please include "Miller Endowment" in the memo line on checks), University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, Mail Stop 0162, Reno, NV 89557.

Madison Bayles "Maddy" Graves '72 (prelegal), former regent, died Nov. 2, 2010, after a long battle with prostate cancer, at the age of 64. Maddy was a native Las Vegas and attended Nevada Southern University, Las Vegas (UNLV) and then transferred to and graduated from, University of Nevada, Reno. Maddy served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1966 through 1972 and active duty in 1967 and 1968.

While attending the University, Maddy worked full-time at Harrah's Hotel & Casino. Simultaneously, he obtained his Nevada real estate broker's license. He attended classes at the University, sold real estate, and continued his job in the showroom at Harrah's until 1975, when he moved back to Las Vegas. Maddy sold real estate during the day and worked at Caesars Palace, dealing cards in the evening. After six months, he left his job at Caesars and purchased Flamingo Realty, which remained his company at the time of his death.

Maddy served on the Board of Regents for the University and Community College System of Nevada from 1992 until 1998, and was chairman in 1995 and 1996. While serving on the Board of Regents, Maddy played a pivotal role in

appointing Kenny Guinn as president of UNLV, as well as in the establishment of the William Boyd School of Law. U.S. Sen. Harry Reid presented him with a Certificate of Commendation in 1996 honoring his commitment and dedication to making education Nevada's top priority. He was also awarded the Distinguished Nevadan Award in May 2004. He was also a member of the UNLV Foundation and the Presidents Associates of University of Nevada, Reno, as well as serving on the board of the Desert Research Institute Foundation.

Maddy was preceded in death by his birth mother, Chrystle; adopted mother, Jane; father, former United States Attorney Madison B. Graves; and beloved sister, Jane. He is survived by his loving wife, of 34 years, Susan; daughters, Ginger and Kristen; son, Darin; son-in-law, Doc; and three grandchildren, Caden, Zane and Madison; two brothers, Horace (Holly) and Lyndon "Buzz"; cousin, Sandra; and faithful dogs, Frampton, Marley, Zoe and Bandit.

Jennifer Hornberger Jones '00 (secondary education) died May 22, 2010 after a courageous two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer. Jennifer was born in Anchorage, Alaska on Sept. 2, 1977 and was raised in Newhalen, Alaska. After graduating from high school, Jennifer attended the University of Nevada, Reno. On May 30, 1999, Jennifer married Jeremy Jones in a ceremony conducted by her grandmother, Sara Hornberger, and they moved to Anchorage where Jennifer taught school for several years before becoming a devoted stay-at-home mother for her children, Joella and Benjamin.

After her cancer diagnosis, Jennifer and Laura Revels began a quilt project, Beading for a Cause, at Alaska Native Medical Center. Above all else, Jennifer loved spending time with her family.

Jennifer will be remembered for her kindness, grace, thoughtfulness, determination, and devotion to her family and friends. She made this statement to her family, "It is so important to me that our lives reflect the goodness of God, and that the time He has given us on this earth is precious, directed and completely worth it in the end."

Jennifer is survived by her husband, Jeremy, and their children, Joella Beth and Benjamin David. She is also survived by her parents, George and Funa; siblings, Jaslyn (Matt) and Chester; nephew, Samael; maternal uncle, Peter John; aunt, Fedosia; godmother, Joanne; goddaughter, Shoshanna; paternal grandparents, Charles and Sara; aunts Linda (Mark) and Gayle (Kendal); and numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends. Jennifer was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Arseny and Nastasia.

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Native Nevadan Stanley Paher '69M.A. (political science) spends a lot of time exploring Nevada's backcountry, mapping it for publication. As a publisher/editor/author with 124 books in his catalog focusing on various Nevada themes, southwestern ghost towns, Lake Tahoe and Death Valley—19 of which he penned himself—Stan is an avid hiker and 4-wheeler, happily tooling around Nevada from spring until fall in one of his three Jeeps, ever seeking details to keep his books up to date. Stan's classic Nevada Ghost Towns & Mining Camps is Nevada's all-time best selling history book with more than 66,500 copies sold. The 500-page tome describes 668 ghost towns with maps, pictures and travel directions. The book is paired with his two-volume Desert Atlas, in its seventh edition, which includes 71 color maps and more than 2,200 places of interest for both the casual explorer and serious off-road enthusiast. Stan has also written six religious-historical books, numerous magazine articles and about 550 book reviews.

Stan is proud of his collection of Nevada historical paper collectibles, which includes about 1,500 rare books, maps and about 14,000 photographs and negatives, territorial stock certificates and hundreds of first editions of books dating back to 1845. When he moved to Reno in 1982, he built his home around a secure, 150-square-foot, fireproof vault to store his treasures.

Stan is a frequent lecturer at the University and across Nevada, teaching students the history of the state, as well as the ins and outs of publishing and writing. He supports scholarships in English and history at Nevada. To learn more about the scholarships, please contact Stuart Golder, (775) 784-1222 or sgolder@unr.edu.

What is your fondest memory from your days at Nevada?

It was May 9, 1968, a date that coincides with the 100th anniversary of the founding of Reno. At that time I was in a master's program in the Department of Political Science, and obtaining my degree was not assured. I had taken a series of four comprehensive tests, and received a C grade on two of them, meaning not satisfactory and no granting of the degree. That very May 9th the department met to decide whether or not to allow me to retake the tests. I had, however, written a detailed story about the events surrounding Reno's founding,

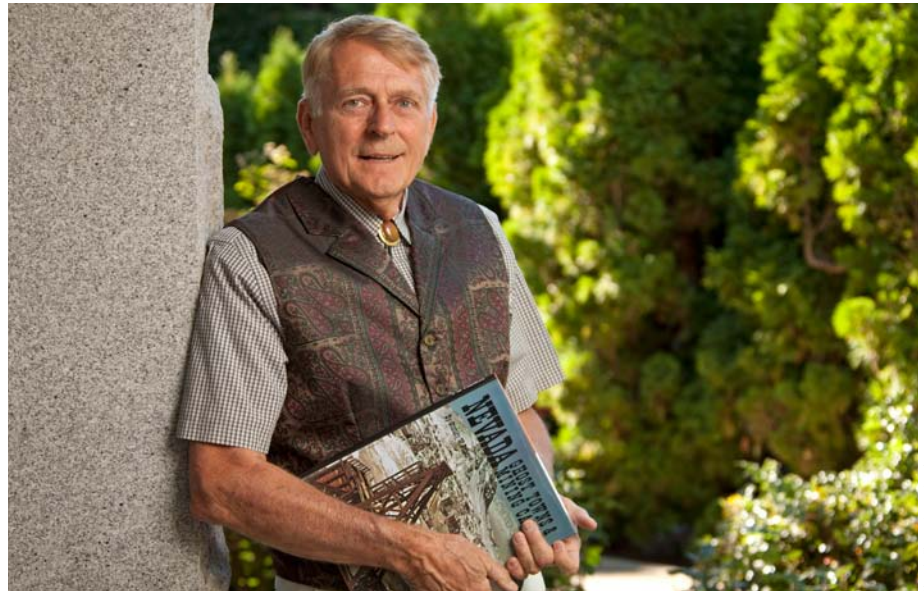


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Stanley W. Paher '69M.A. at the Rose Garden in the Honor Court.

and that morning the local newspaper, Nevada State Journal, ran it with a headline on the front page. Surely members of the department saw my work, and I have always believed that various factors of fate met that day to allow me to retake the tests and graduate the next year.

What have you done that you are most proud of?

I am most proud of founding Nevada Publications in 1970 and working with about 55 authors on Nevada book-length manuscripts, guiding them through the production stage and the final product, then marketing them. Skills in these areas were attained simply by watching "over the shoulders" of various editors, publishers and distributors, not from formal schooling. Initial profits from books issued in the early 1970s allowed me to fuel real estate investments, and over the years, profits have sustained the business and a quality life. I experienced great joy in interacting with 300 Nevada amateur writers, each of whom had a family story or favorite historical topic, to compile the Nevada Official Bicentennial Book in 1976. Of course, pros like Walter Van Tilburg Clark and Robert Laxalt were included in that best-selling volume. But over the years the book's chief value has been the recording by everyday people of "slices of life" that would otherwise be lost. By 1992, I saw a need for a companion

atlas to my ghost town book issued in 1970, and the newer book has experienced seven printings. After 40 years in the publishing business, I find myself just as enthusiastic as ever about the publishing game, ready to meet changing business challenges, but now time and advice is given to younger writers and their manuscripts. It is part of my philosophy of life to "give back to the community," even as I learned from others: "Freely you have received, now freely give."

What advice would you give someone just starting out after college?

After getting my bachelor's, I traveled in Europe and Asia for exactly five months. The exposure to many cultures gave me an understanding of other people and their ways. Graduates should do something similarly, and then settle into a job or profession. Whereas getting through college is like running hurdles—preparing and passing test after test and final examinations—the work-a-day world should not be approached in that way. Rather, as you settle into a new job, take advantage of opportunities to learn and grow in the knowledge of your chosen craft, and realize that ambition and dependability are two key factors for advancement.

Stanley W. Paher

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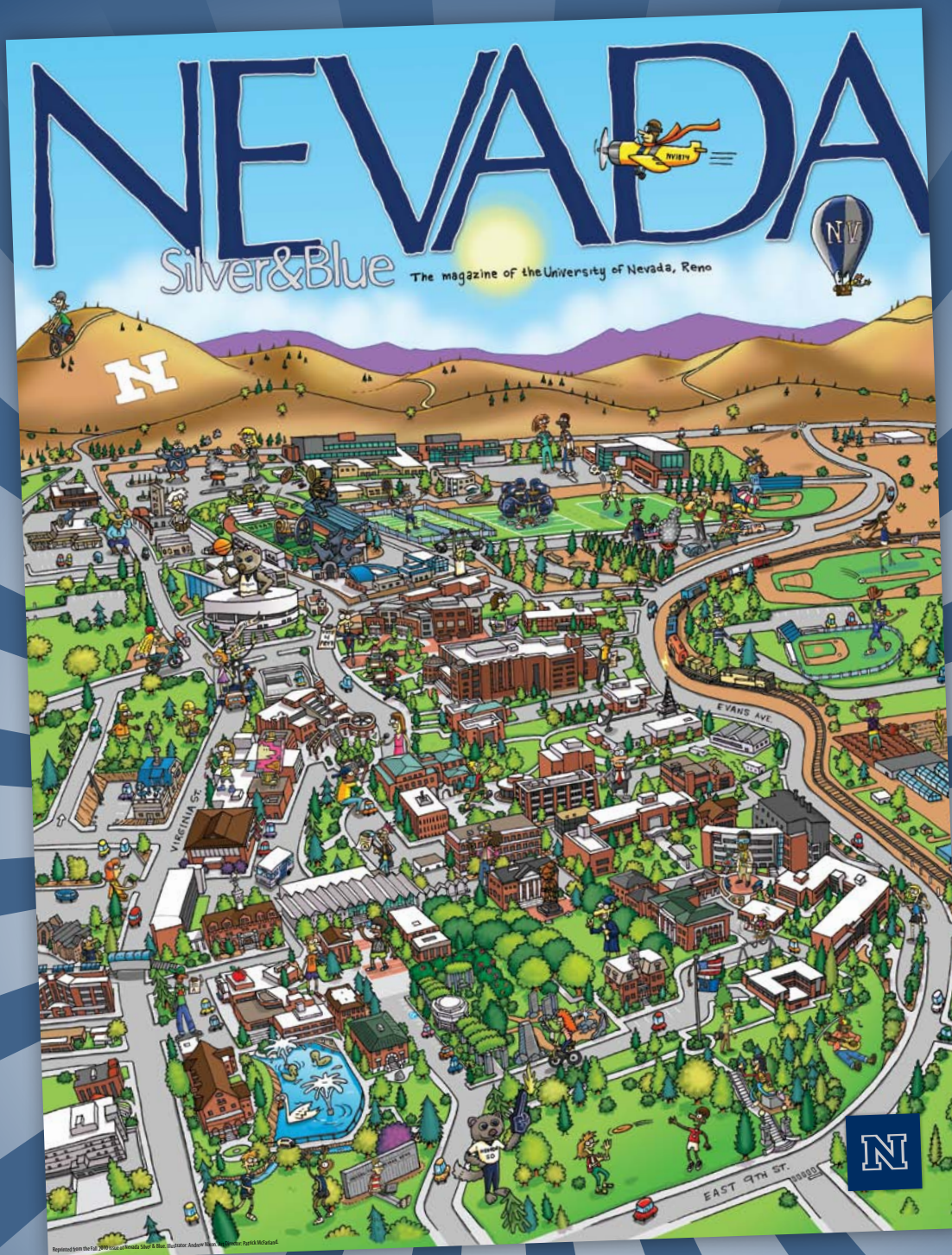
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Nevada Alumni Association New Year's membership promotion—**FREE Poster!**



The Nevada Alumni Association has a special offer for you. Join or renew your membership before Feb. 15, 2011, and you will receive a FREE 18" x 24" poster of the cover of the fall

2010 issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue* magazine. The cover art features a fun, illustrated map of the campus, including all of the new buildings. Membership makes a great gift too!

Gift to Reynolds School of Journalism honors '52 alumnus Ted Scripps

The University recently received a significant gift from the family of Ted Scripps to name the impressive welcoming area of the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism Building's the **Ted Scripps Atrium**. This gift is part of the fund



raising for the Fund for the Future of Journalism, which will support the technology and renovation that has been made possible by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation's recent grant of \$7.9 million.

Edward Willis Scripps II, known to everyone as "Ted," graduated from the University of Nevada journalism program in 1952. He went on to distinguished service with the *United Press* and the Scripps Howard Newspapers, both of which were founded by his grandfather, E.W. Scripps.

Ted Scripps worked in the Reno bureau of *UP*, for the *San Francisco News*, the *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver and later for *UPI's* Washington, D.C., bureau. In 1965, he became vice president and assistant secretary of Scripps Howard newspapers, headquartered in Cincinnati, and in 1974 became a director of the company.

Ted's commitment to journalistic standards and ethics was unwavering, as was his commitment to his alma mater. Ted Scripps began the annual Scripps Dinner and Lecture at Nevada in 1964. He was a generous contributor to the University. Ted died in 1987 at the age of 57 while flying to Sydney, Australia, on a tour of the Pacific to gather information for Scripps Howard editors and publishers. The lecture continues in his honor and each year brings outstanding journalists to Nevada through the support of the Scripps family and the Scripps Howard Foundation.

The Ted Scripps Atrium is a fitting anchor for the Reynolds School of Journalism. Scripps family members made the recent contribution to the Fund for the Future of Journalism to name the atrium and perpetuate Ted's ideals and the excellent work of the Reynolds School of Journalism. The journalism building will undergo an extensive renovation starting in January that will upgrade the school's digital infrastructure and facilitate the school's innovative goals. When it reopens in January 2012, the building will feature the latest in HD broadcast facilities and classrooms that will allow all students to engage in multi-platform journalism.

To learn more about the Reynolds School of Journalism and the Fund for the Future of Journalism, which ensures Nevada students have the best possible tools to chronicle the world, contact Kristin Burgarello '97, director of development, (775) 784-4471 or kburgarello@unr.edu.





Saiid Saiidi, Gokhan Pekcan, David Sanders, Manos Maragakis, Ian Buckle, Keri Ryan and Ahmad Itani are the dream team faculty who've been conducting important and innovative earthquake engineering research in the University's Large-Scale Structures Laboratory.

Earthquake engineering laboratory expansion underway

"This is a great day," Ian Buckle, a Foundation Professor of civil engineering, told an audience of engineers, alumni, students and media who gathered in the cavernous high-bay large structures engineering lab in September. Then, flashing a grin, he amended his words with, "No, this is a momentous day."

He was referring to the announcement of the \$12.2 million award from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to fund the major portion of an expansion of the University's world-renowned earthquake lab where, for the past 25 years, researchers have conducted successful experiments testing large-scale buildings and bridges to advance seismic safety.

To bring the project to fruition, the University will raise an additional \$3.1 million from non-federal sources as a required cost-share for the NIST Grant.

The University was one of only five institutions from more than 100 applicants nationwide that received grant money from the NIST Construction Grants Program. Provost

Marc Johnson said the award "speaks volumes of the competitive nature of this University across the nation."

The expanded facility will house the largest and most versatile earthquake simulation laboratory in the United States. The University's four, large, 50-ton capacity shake tables are capable of replicating, through computer software and massive hydraulically-operated actuators, any recorded earthquake.

"This will be a quantum jump in the range and complexity of experiments that can be undertaken in both new and existing laboratories with advances in state-of-the-art earthquake engineering that are not currently possible," Buckle, director of the Large-Scale Structures Laboratory, said. "Safer buildings, bridges, and more resilient communities will be the end result."

The \$18 million project also received funds from the Department of Energy last year to finance the initial phase of construction, which began in October. When completed, the combined area of the new and existing facilities

will exceed 30,000 square feet.

The project is expected to be complete in 2013.

The lab is a shared-use site in the Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation created and funded by the National Science Foundation in 2004 to provide new earthquake-engineering research and testing capabilities for large structural systems.

To learn more about how you can support the expansion project, please contact Melanie Perish, director of development for the College of Engineering, (775) 784-6433 or mperish@unr.edu.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



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